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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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18 December 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No.: 153, for the period ending 16 December 1944.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 45 and A.O. 23. Close support missions.

A. 8 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1110 to go on close support. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarguemines to Bitche to base. T.O.T. 1240-1255. Moderate light flak at Q-750520. Atkin directed squadron to target with red and white smoke. Did not give what target contained but 3 camouflaged pill boxes and what appeared to be a underground fortification observed at the point, Q-773510. 12 bombs on top of fortifications and 4 very near misses. NRO. Strafed area and damaged 1 building. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 8 to 9/10 cloud with base at 3500, tops at 5,000 with large hole over target area - visibility 4 to 5 miles. Down 1330.

8 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1210 to go on close support. 8 a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs each. Route flown was Saarunion to Bitche to base. T.O.T. 1235 to 1320. Weak light flak encountered at Q-7355. Fires observed in Bitche and other small towns in that vicinity. Atkin told squadron to bomb woods at Q-7355. 16 bombs dropped with 12 in woods and 4 misses. 2 strafing passes made with NRO. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 2/10 with base at 3,000, tops at 4500 and visibility 10 miles. Down 1352.

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B. (i) 16 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 8 A/C dropped bombs on fortifications at Q-773510.
8 A/C dropped bombs on woods at Q-7355.
8 A/C strafed building, Q-773510.
8 A/C strafed woods at Q-7355.
16 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 16

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 34:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 5,830 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32 - 500 lb GP bombs, fused - tail, M113.
(ii) 32 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs on fortifications at Q-773510.
16 bombs dropped on woods at Q-7355.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 9. Buildings,
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims,
Forts,
b) Probably destroyed, 1
Pill boxes,
a) Destroyed, 3

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 20 and 27. Armed Reconnaissance Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1250 on armed recce. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Bischweiller to Rastatt to Karlsruhe to Rastatt to base. T.O.T. 1330-1415. Moderate light flak at

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R-3825 and from 4 light flak guns at R-3335. 25 coal or ore cars senn in M/Y at R-3422. Elite told squadron to rece RR traffic between Rastatt and Karlsruhe. M/Y at R-3422 bombed and strafed. 16 bombs dropped damaging M/Y and tracks and 1 warehouse some 5 to 6 stories high. 4 bombs hit 4 sheds destroying them. 8 bombs on train of 1 loco and 20 coaches. Loco was seen to blow up and 8 cars were damaged. Train was headed N at R-3525. 1 loco and 12 cars at R-3937 strafed and damaged. No losses. 1 jet a/c going E at Bitche, 1315 hours, at 20,000 ft. Weather: 4/10 with base at 6,000 and tops at 7,000 with visibility 4 to 5 miles. Down 1445.

16 P-47s of 365th and 366th Squadrons dispatched at 1515 to go on armed recce. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarbrucken, to Bitche to Germersheim to Rastatt to base. T.O.T. 1600-1630. Flak: moderate heavy at Neustadt, moderate heavy at R-3880, moderate heavy 5 to 10 miles E of Saarbrucken, and moderate light at R-5465. 5 trains seen in Neustadt M/Y. Explosions observed in Karlsruhe. 1 barge seen in Rhine at R-4771. 8 bombs in Neustadt M/Y - 4 hits in yard caused unusually large explosions. M/Y was damaged, but NRO otherwise. 4 bombs on train going south at R-4165 - 1 locomotive damaged. 1 Me-109 destroyed on deck by Lt Veldboon, at Germersheim, 1615 hours. 2 bombs on river dock, R-5280, severely damaging it with 2 direct hits. 4 bombs on M/Y at R-4573. There were 2 locomotives and 70 RR cars in the yard at this time and these 1 locomotive and 10 cars were destroyed by 2 direct hits. 2 bombs dropped on a barge in Rhine at R-5372 - no hits. 4 bombs on 3 - 40 mm flak guns at R-4768 - strafing and 2 direct hits destroyed them. 4 bombs on train composed of 1 locomotive and 40 cars at R-5465 - 2 direct hits destroyed 10 cars. 4 bombs were jettisoned in lak at Dieuze, Q-2920. 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat 2. 3 Me 109's seen on deck at Germersheim, 1615 hours. Weather: 10/10 with base at 2500, tops at 4,000. Over target area: 3/10 with base at 6,000 and tops unknown visibility 3 miles. Down: 1700.

B. (i) 28 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on following targets;
M/Y at R-3422.
Train of 1 loco and 20 coaches, R-3525.
12 A/C strafed the following;
M/Y at R-3422.
Loco and 12 cars at R-3937.
16 A/C dropped bombs on following targets;
M/Y in Neustadt.
Train going south at R-4165.
River dock, at R-5280.
M/Y at R-4573.
Barge in Rhine at R-5372.
3 - 40 mm flak guns at R-4768.
Train, of 1 loco and 40 cars at R-5465.

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16 A/C strafed 40 mm flak guns at R-4768.
1 A/C strafed and destroyed E/a - 1 Me 109.
28 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 A/C damaged by flak, Category 2.
(viii) 28

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 63:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 67,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 13,068 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 5 6 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuse - tail M113.
(ii) 5 2 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows;
16 bombs on M/Y at R-3422.
8 bombs on train of 1 loco and 20 coaches at R-3525.
8 bombs in Neustadt M/Y.
4 bombs on train going south at R-4165.
2 bombs on river dock, R-5280.
4 bombs on M/Y at R-4573.
2 bombs on a barge in Rhine at R-5372.
4 bombs on 3 - 40 mm flak guns at R-4768.
4 bombs on train of 1 loco and 40 cars at R-5465.
(iii) 4 - 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned in lake at Dieuze, Q-2920.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) 1 E/A destroyed in air, - Me-109, by Lt. Guy N. Veldboon, O-553420, 366th Squadron.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railraod cars,
a) Destroyed, 35
c) Damaged, 38

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6. Gun emplacements,
   a) Destroyed, 6

9. Buildings, and warehouses,
   a) Destroyed, 4
   c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 6 places

12. Barges,
   c) Damaged, 4

14. M/Y attacked,
   c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims,
   River dock, damaged, 1

4. (3) Operation No.: A.O. 17, 16, 19, 21 an 24. Close support and Armed Recce.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0948 to go on close support and armed recce. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Hagenau to Germersheim to Landau to base. T.O.T. was 1030 to 1100. Flak encountered was from 8 light guns at point 1 mi. SE of Germersheim, Belt of heavy and light between Landau and Karlsruhe, intense light 5 miles due S of Landau, and intense light from R-4249 and R-3055. The following observations were made: cratelike fortifications seen at R-4162, 8 gun emplacements at R-4668, large supply dump at E end of bridge at R-4249, 4 barrage ballons on ground at R-4249, and some 30 barrage ballons at 1500 ft over Germersheim. Elite was contacted but reception was poor so squadron leader contacted Elite George. As Elite George was giving a target Elite interrupted and directed squadron to area flown where they were to attack rail transportation. 8 bombs dropped on 2 locomotives and 50 RR cars headed W at R-3871 resulting in destruction of 1 locomotive and 15 cars by direct hits, 1 rail cut, and 35 cars damaged by strafing. 4 bombs on M/Y at Germersheim, damaged M/Y and 8 RR cars. 4 locomotives and 80 coaches heading E were strafed and damaged at R-5171. 4 bombs on 15 RR cars at R-4057 - these cars were loaded with crates. 1 car was destroyed and 14 damaged by strafing. 2 light flk guns strafed and damaged at R-4668. 2 bombs on 2 locomotives and 8 coaches at R-3069. Locomotives and coaches damaged by strafing. 4 bombs on locomotive at R-3063. Loco damaged by strafing and 1 light flak

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gun position destroyed by direct hit. 1 loco damaged by strafing at R-2958. 2 bombs on factory at R-3662 missed. 2 large storage tanks at Winden, R-3855, strafed and damaged. 4 H/D vehicles and 1 bus strafed resulting in destruction of 2 of the vehicles and the bus - were seen to burn. 2 M/Ts and(1 artillery (damaged) destroyed by strafing at R-2356. 8 RR cars strafed at R-2056 - 2 destroyed and 6 damaged. 2 a/c damaged by flak: Cat.1. 1 jet a/c observed in vicinity of Saarunion at 20,000 ft orbiting at 111 degrees. Weather: 4/10s base 1500 with thin clouds, visibility was 15 miles. A second layer was 9/10 with base at 6,000 and tops unknown. Down 1130.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1047 to go on close support and armed recce. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Bischwiller to Karlsruhe to base. T.O.T. 1140. Intense heavy and light at Winden, R-2855, and moderate light at Pfortz, R-4148. 8 bombs on M/Y at Pfortz, R-4148. 2 hits in M/Y and 2 in town. 4 locomotives with steam up were in yard at the time. 6 bombs on M/Y at Winden, R-2855. Several locos and 20 cars in yard but no hits were observed. 1 a/c jettisoned 2 bombs safe in area northof Hagenau woods. 4 bombs jettisoned safe W of Rhine, vicinity of Karlsruhe. 4 bombs jettisoned armed on town of E of Rhine, SW of Karlsruhe. Combat followed bounced by E/A resulted in following claims; 3 Me-109s destroyed, 1 FW-190 destroyed, and 2 Me 109s damaged. Lt Buchanan believed hit during first bounce by 6 e/a. He was last seen at 4,000 ft trailing black smoke, approximately 8 miles NW of Karlsruhe. Claims are made by the following pilots: 1 FW 190 destroyed by Lt Neas. Lt Wetherill - 1 Me 190 destroyed, Lt Seedorf - 1 Me 109 destroyed, shared by Lt Hunt and Lt Laiche - 1 Me 109 destroyed, sharing in damaging of 2 Me 109s by Lt Hunt and Lt Knowles. 2nd Lt J.R. Buchanan MIA. Losses: 1 P-47, and 2 P-47s damaged; 1 Cat. 1. and 1 Cat.2. 15 plus E/A consisting of Me 109s and FW 190s encountered 10 miles W of Karlsruhe, at 8,000 ft, 1145 hours. Weather: 2/10 with base at 3,000, and tops 3500 (en route); over target 10/10 with base at 10,000, tops 10.500. Return - 9/10s base 7500, tops 8,000. Down 1235.

8 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1145 to go on close support and A/R under direction of Elite. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Bischwieler to Landau to base. T.O.T. was 1230-1250. Intense heavy and light flak encountered at Landau and scant light flak from woods at R-3057. 1 loco with steam up seen at R-3060 and 20 ballons flying from 5 to 6000 ft seen at Germersheim. Elite directed squadron on

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a/r for trains north of Landau. Over 100 RR cars and 2 locomotives with steam up seen at Landau, but none to the north. All bombs dropped on M/Y with 14 hits in yard, 4 among the cars, 10 on tracks and 2 hits in buildings on east side of M/Y. 10 RR cars destroyed, M/Y damaged, and 3 buildings destroyed. 1 train consisting of loco and 25 flat cars loaded with large boxes strafed at Rohrback, R-295600 (heading north). Loco and cars damaged. Strafed loco and 20 box cars strafed at R-3066, just S of Landau - loco and 7 cars damaged. 2 a/c damaged by fla k: Cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: 5/10 with thin stratus at 8,000 ft and visibility bad in haze. Down 1330.

8 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1329 to go on close support and a rmed recce. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Bischwiller to Gergzabern (R-1956) to Bruschal to Rastatt to base. T.O.T. 1430. Intense heavy and light flak at Rastatt. 15 plus BBs in area SW of Rastatt, at 5500 ft. Considerable RR activity was noted around Bruschal. At direction of Elite Dog. 2 a/c dropped 4 bombs on M/Y at Bergzabern - NRO. 2 a/c dropped 4 bombs on loco and20 cars in Bruschal - no hits. Loco and 10 cars of this train damaged by strafing. Loco and 20 cars just south of Bruschal strafed resulting in damage to loco and 10 cars. 8 bombs on 2 trains headed east at R-3028 (SW of Rastatt) BBs in area at 5500 ft prevented accurate attack - no hits observed. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: in target area - 4/10 with base at 4,000, tops 6,000 and visibility 3 to 5 miles; elsewhere - 6 to 9/10 cloud with same base and tops. Down 1545.

7 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1459 to go on close support and arme recce. Each a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Bruschal to Germersheim to base. T.O.T. was 1550. Intense light flak at Germersheim, and moderate heavy and light at Bruschal. 6 BB observed at 3,000 ft at Germersheim. Elite George requested recce of Karlsruhe area. 6 bombs on loco and 60 cars moving N at R-6770. 2 hits in town destroyed 2 buildings. No direct hits, but near misses believed to have damaged loco. 6 bombs on loco and 20 cars moving N at R-6565. RR cut ahead of train. Near misses, but no direct hits. 2 bombs on Bruschal M/Y with hits observed in yard. 3 a/c engaged 20 e/a at Germersheim at 6,000 ft as e/a were breaking off combat and landing at Germersheim A/D. Lt Ward destroyed 1 Me 109 and damaged 1 Me 109. 1 P-47 destroyed

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as a result of combat, Lt. Lowers, pilot of destroyed a/c, bailed out in friendly territory. 20 Me 109s and FW 190s seen at Germersheim at 6000 ft, 1615 hours. Weather: 7/10s with base 2500, tops 6500 and visibility 2 miles: en route same clouds, but base at 2000 and tops 8500. Down 1706.

B. (i) 47 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on following targets;
2 locos and 50 RR cars headed W at R-3871.
M/Y at Germersheim.
15 RR cars at R-4057
2 locos and 8 coaches at R-3069
Locomotive at R-3063
Factory at R-3662

7 A/C dropped bombs on following targets;
M/Y at Pfortz, R-4148
M/Y at Winden, R-2855

8 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at Landau.

8 A/C dropped bombs on following targets;
M/Y at Bergzabern
Locomotive and 20 cars in Bruschal
2 trains headed east at R-3028 (SW of Rastatt)

7 A/C dropped bombs on following targets;
Locomotive and 60 cars moving N at R-6770
Locomotive and 20 cars moving N at R-6565
M/Y at Bruschal

12 A/C strafed the following;
2 locos and 50 RR cars headed W at R-3871
4 locos and 80 coaches heading E at R-5171
15 RR cars at R-4057
Light flak guns a t R-4668
2 locos and 8 coaches at R-3069
Loco and 1 light gun position at R-3063
Loco at R-2958
2 large storage tanks at Winden, R-3855
4 H/D vehicles and bus.
2 M/Ts and artillery pieces at R-2356
8 RR cars at R-2056

8 A/C strafed the following;
Loco and 25 cars at Rohrback, R-295600.
Loco and 20 cars a t R-3066

8 A/C strafed the following;
Loco and 10 cars in Bruschal
Loco and 20 cars just south of Bruschal

47 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil

(iv) 1 P-47D-30 44-20469, Karlsruhe, hit by e/a.

(v) Nil

(vi) 1 P-47D-28 42-28948, hit by e/a. at Germersheim, (pilot bailed out in friendly territory-Toul)

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(vii) 6 A/C damaged; 4 a/c damaged by flak, Category 1; and
2 a/c damaged by combat, 1 Cat 1 and 1 cat 2.

(viii) 47

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 93:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 112,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 32,300 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 4,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 94 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuse - tail M113.
(ii) 84 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows;
8 bombs on 2 locos and 50 RR cars at R-3871
4 bombs on M/Y at Germersheim
4 bombs on 15 RR cars at R-4057
2 bombs on 2 locos and 8 coaches at R-3069
4 bombs on locos at R-3063
2 bombs on factory at R-3662
8 bombs on M/Y at Pfortz, R-4148
6 bombs on M/Y at Winden, R-2855
16 bombs on M/Y at Landau
4 bombs on loco and 20 cars in Bruschal
4 bombs on M/Y at Bergzabern
8 bombs on 2 trains at R-3028 (SW of Rastatt)
6 bombs on loco and 60 cars moving N at R-6770
6 bombs on loco and 20 cars moving N at R-6565
2 bombs on Bruschal M/Y.
(iii) 10 - 500 lb GP bombs jettisoned as follows;
2 bombs safe in area north of Hagenau woods.
4 bombs safe W of Rhine, vicinity of Karlsruhe.
4 bombs armed on town E of Rhine, SW of Karlsruhe.
(iv) Nil

G. 2nd Lt JOHN R. BUCHANAN, O-756470, MIA.
Karlsruhe. hit by e/a.

H. (i) 5 e/a destroyed, in air; as follows;-
1 Me-109 by Lt Ward, O-815435, 367th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by Lt Wetherill, O-695226, 367th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by Lt Seedorf, O-830554,367th Squadron.
1 FW-190 by Lt Neas, O-817080, 367th Squadron.
1 Me-109 shared by Lt Hunt, O-826450 and Lt Laiche O-716176, of 367th Squadron.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 3 e/a damaged, in air, as follows;
1 Me-109 by Lt Hunt, O-826450, 367th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by Lt Knowles, O-714445, 367th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by Lt Ward, O-815435, 367th Squadron.

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I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 5

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 14

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 28
c) Damaged, 91

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 5

11. Railroads cut, 3

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims,
Storage tanks,
c) Damaged, 2

4. (4). Operation No.: A.O. 25. To bomb supply dump.

A. 10 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1430 to bomb supply dump. 6 a/c carried 2 - 500 lb GP bombs each and 4 a/c acted as escort. Route flown was base to dump, Q-808705, to base. T.O.T. 1530-1535/ Moderate heavy and light flak at PT, Q-808705. 1 heavy field piece observed at Q-804726. 8 direct hits on buildings which appeared to be warehouses and RR siding at Q-808705. 1 warehouse destroyed. No further observations except good hits in building area. 2 bombs landed E of target on road crossing. 2 bombs were returned to base due to failure to release over target. 2 a/c damaged by flak, Cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: 9 to 10/10 clouds with base at 2500, tops 7500 and visibility below the clouds 4 miles. Down 1605.

B. (i) 10 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 5 A/C dropped bombs on warehouses and RR sidings at Q-808705.
4 A/C acted as escort.
9 A/C completed mission.

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(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) Nil
d) 1 A/C, failure to release bombs over target.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak, Category 1.
(viii) 10

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 21:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,080 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 12 - 500 lb GP bombs, fuse - nose,M103; tail M101A2.
(ii) 10 - 500 lb GP bombs expended as follows,
8 bombs on w arehouses and RR sidings at Q-804726.
2 bombs E of target on road crossing.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
2 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 9. Buildings and warehouses,
a) Destroyed, 2

11. Roads cut, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

17 December 1944

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, (REAR). Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-7.

REF : SECRET
Oprep A No. 105 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 December 1944.
Mission or Operation No. 47, XII TAC.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Lt. Col. Becon, took-off at 0915 on a close support show under control of Kosher "C" in Colmar area. Sq. dropped 17 x 500 on Ingersheim V-6844, all on town starting 1 or 2 fires. Smoke prevented accurate observation. 5 x 500 on V-6844, all near misses. 1 x 500 on M/Y at Hansach W-3265. Missed. 1 x 500 jettisoned in river S of base. Squadron also strafed at M/Y at W-3265 - 5 locos and 1 RR shed damaged; at W-2179 - 1 loco. damaged; at W-2276 - 1 tractor and 2 trailers damaged; at W-1281, 1 loco. damaged; at R-1603 - 1 staff car and 2 trucks damaged; Flak was encountered at V-6844, intense, accurate, and light. 10/10 at 4-13,000' N of Strassbourg, 8/10 10,000' and slight ground haze with visibility 10 miles S of Strassburg. T.O.T. 0950-1005, T.D. 1215.

B. (i) 13 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) (a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) 1 - Detachable Tank - tank did not have sufficient pressure. (d) Nil.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 13

C. (i) 13 - 12 x 75 Gallon U.S. Belly.
1 x 150 " " " " .
(ii) 13 " " " " .

D. (i) 35:30 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 32,500 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 9,305 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 26 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 23 x 500 G.P. " " " " .

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Mission or Operation No. 47, XII TAC.

F. (iii) 3 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 1. (c) 6
3. (c) 7
9. (c) 1
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Oprep A No. 106 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 December 1944. (
Mission or Operation No. 48, XII TAC.

A. The 406th Squadron, led by Capt. Daniels, took-off at 0950 on an Armed Recce areas of Colmar, Frieburg, Offenburg, and Karlsruhe. Sq. was directed by Kosher "C" who gave target of troop concentration at V-8552 which was marked with smoke. 20 x 500 dropped in target area, NRO. Flak was encountered at V-8441, moderate, accurate, and heavy. 8/10 clouds at 11,000' visibility good despite slight ground fog. Squadron observed 5 long trains with engines stationary, and 1 hospital train in M/Y at Lahr M-1172. T.O.T. 1030, T.D. 1210.

B. (i) 10 P-47's.
(ii) 10 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 10

C. (i) 10 x 75 Gallon U.S. Belly.
(ii) 10 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 24:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 25,200 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,045 " " "
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 20 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
(ii) 20 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

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Oprep A No. 107 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 December 1944.
Mission or Operation No. 50, XII TAC.

A. The 404th Squadron, led by Capt. Wagner, took-off at 1301 on a close support show to be controlled by Kosher "C" in the Colmar area. 16 x 500 on tanks and troops marked with 4 bursts of white smoke at Kayserberg, V-645385, NRO. 8 x 500 on tanks and troops at V-6748. 3 buildings destroyed. An Armed Recce was also performed on main RR NE of Colmar and secondary roads, however, nothing was observed. Flak was intesne, inaccurate, and light at V-6748. T.O.T. 1350-1420, T.D. 1510. Weather was CAVU.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) 12 x 75 Gallon U.S. Belly.
(ii) 12 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 30:45 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 24,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,500 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P., Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 G.P., " .
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 9. (a) 3
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Oprep A No. 108 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 December 1944.
Mission or Operation No. 51, XII TAC.

A. The 406th Squadron, led by Lt. Kilgore, took-off at 1445 on an Armed Recce in area of Colmar, Freiburg, Offenburg, and Karlsruhe. Sq. was directed by Kosher "C" to attack town 2 miles E of Kayserberg at V-6848 which was marked with smoke. 20 x 500 on target area, NRO. Moderate inaccurate, light flak was encountered at V-6848. 5-6/10 clouds 6,500', 9,000' and 12,000'; visibility restricted by haze 3-4 miles. T.O.T. 1520, T. D. 1640.

B. (i) 11 P-47's.
(ii) 10 P-47's.
(iii) (a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) Nil. (d) 1 - Other - take-off delayed due to weak battery, after T.O. was unable to join Squadron.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 10

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Mission or Operation No. 51, XII TAC.

C. (i) 11 x 75 Gallon, U.S. Belly.
(ii) 9 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 27:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 27,720 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) Nil.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
(ii) 20 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) 2 x 500 G.P., " " " " .

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 109 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 December 1944.
Mission or Operation No. 52, XII TAC.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Capt. Tait, took-off at 1430 on a close support mission to aid the 36th Division in the Colmar area. After Completion of close support, Squadron was to perform A/R in the areas of Freiburg, Karlsruhe, Munster, Selestat, Offenburg, and Rastatt. Being unable to find target assigned by Kosher "C" 1 mile SE of Selestat, Sq. attacked M/Y at R-2503 with 23 x 500 with 7 hits in yard. 1 loco. dest., 2 buildings destroyed., 5 boxcars damaged, was the result of attack. Sq. also strafed at R-2302; 3 M/T destroyed., 1 M/T damaged. 1 x 500 was jettisoned 5 miles NW of target. 5/10 clouds in-layers 2-15,000' with visibility poor. T.O.T. 1600, T.D. 1700

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 12

C. (i) 12 x 75 Gallon, U.S. Belly.
(ii) 12 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 33:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 30,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,680 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 23 x 500 G.P. " " " " .
(iii) 1 x 500 G.P. " " " " .
(iv) Nil.

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G. (i) NIL.

H. NIL.

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1.	(a)	3
	(c)	1
3.	(a)	1
4.	(c)	5
9.	(c)	2
14	-	1

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
3 January 1945.

RETURN TO

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SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 237.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 237 for 24 hours ending sunset 1 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 40A, 40B, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 0803 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Perly leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs on 1 locomotive with 10 box cars headed South at L-8814. 1 locomotive was destroyed and 10 box cars damaged, 1 marshalling yard also damaged. Squadron strafed and dropped 4 x 500 lb. bombs on 1 locomotive with 15 flat cars and 7 box cars headed South at M-150092. 8 tanks and 15 trucks were on the flak cars. Results were; 1 locomotive and 6 trucks and 1 box car was destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at L-8917 and M-102092. Time down at A-96, 1015 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 0819 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. bombs on an ammunition dump at R-084970. 12 direct hits damaged the dump but no explosions or fires resulted. Squadron dropped 2 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a train with 12 cars headed West at M-1108. Bombs did little damage but 1 locomotive and 12 RR cars were damaged by strafing. The RR cars were carrying tanks. Squadron dropped 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs and strafed 1 locomotive and 20 RR cars headed W at M-1509. 10 of the cars were carrying tanks. 5 cars destroyed, 15 cars damaged and 5 tanks damaged. 1 JU-88 destroyed in the air by Lt. Ginder at Q-5565. Intense, light, inaccurate flak encountered at Q-5565 and M-0808. Time down at A-96, 1019 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 0839 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Mesropian leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb and 2 x 100 lb. bombs on a railroad at R-0808. 1 railcut was obtained. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. bombs on a locomotive with 50 freight cars headed North at R-2868. 1 locomotive and 2 cars were damaged. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. bombs on a railroad at Landau. 1 railcut was scored, 6 buildings damaged. 2 x 100 W.P. bombs were dropped into the town of Landau, the town was also strafed with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encounteredd at R-0808 and Landau. Time down at A-96, 1032 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1525 hours, 1 January 1945, Major McDonald leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs on a Q-782528. 2 motor trucks were destroyed, 1 road block scored. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned in a lake N of Toul. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at Q-7556. Time down at A-96, 1710 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1452 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Scott leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb bombs on an area marked off with red smoke in the South West corner of Bitche. 8 buildings were destroyed, 6 buildings damaged, and 2 large fires started. Squadron strafed 50 RR cars in a M/Y at Q-9476 damaging 12 RR cars. Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered at Zweibrucken and Bitche. Time down at A-96, 1654 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission and Armed Recee mission from A-96 at 1212 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Kopp leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a highway South of Mimbach, Q-660695. 2 roadcuts were scored, 1 M/T destroyed, 4 M/T's damaged. Squadron dropped 1 x 100 W.P. bomb and strafed 1 locomotive with 25 cars at Q-808110. 12 cars were damaged, 1 locomotive damaged. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Zwiebrucken and Mimbach. Time down at A-96, 1425 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1509 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Lamour leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs on a railroad at Q-816455. 1 railcut was scored. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb bombs on a RR intersection at Q-830458. 1 railcut was scored. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned safe at Z-725912. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-770550. Time down at A-96, 1706 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1207 hours, 1 January 1945, xxxxx Major Finnegan leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1407 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1158 hours, 1 January 1945, Lt. Col. Case leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down A-96, 1357 hours.

B. 1. 32 x P47D's.
2. 31.
3. 1-D-Oil on windshield.
4 thru 7, Nil.
8. 31 sorties.

C. None.

D. 1. 46:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 60,800 x .50 cal.
2. None.

F. None.

G, H, I, None.

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DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 84 x P47D's.
2. 83 completed mission.
3. 1-C-Fuel guage out.
4 and 5, None.
6. 1 P47D was destroyed over target by bomb blast from its own bomb.
7. 2 CAT 1-Flak.
8. 83 sorties.

C. 1. 20 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 20 jettisoned.

D, 1. 170:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 159,600 x .50 cal.
2. 31,171.

F. 1. 112 x 500 lb. RDX isnt.
23 x 100 lb. W.P.
2. 102
23
3. 6 x 500 lb.
4. None.

G. 2nd Lt. ROBERT M. RAKOS-MIA-Lt. Rakos bombed a locomotive and his plane was hit by the bomb blast from his own bombs at L-8614.

H. 1. 2nd Lt. JOHN W. GINDER destroyed 1 Ju-88 at Q-5565. (this A/C dest. in air)

I. Other Claims - On Ground.
1 locomotive dest. 10 box cars damaged, 1 M/Y damaged at L-8814.
1 locomotive dest., 6 trucks and 1 box car dest. at M-150092.
1 ammunition dump damaged at R-084970.
1 locomotive and 12 RR cars damaged at M-1108.
5 flat cars destroyed, 15 RR cars damaged, 5 tanks damaged at M-1509.
1 railcut at R-0808.
1 locomotive, 2 RR cars damaged at R-2868.
1 railcut, 6 buildings damaged at Landau.
2 M/T destroyed, 1 roadblock at Bitche.
8 buildings destroyed, 6 buildings damaged at Bitche.
12 RR cars damaged at Q-9476.
2 road cuts, 1 M/T dest, 4 M/T dam. at Q-660695.
1 locomotive damaged, 12 box cars damaged at Q-808110.
1 railcut at Q-816455.
1 railcut at Q-830458.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U.S.Army
1 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 1 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U.S.Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2523

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on Armed Recce of route #3 up at 0800 down at 1115. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs S. of field. 2A/C bombed RR track at Q-7873, no hits. T.O.T. 0915. 3 A/C bombed factory at R-007936, bomb run to 2000'. T.O.T. 0935, 2 hits on FR, 4 in W. part of Kaiserlautern. 5 A/C bombed loco & 15 plus boxcars at R-007930, bomb run to 2000'. T.O.T. 0940, 2 hits damaged two and destroyed two boxcars at Q-974933. RR tracks cut on siding. 2 hits on tracks 50 yds in front of loco, 2 misses & 4 near misses. 3 A/C strafed loco & 15 plus cars at R-307842, loco & 5 cars damaged. 5 A/C strafed 1 MT & trailer at R-165935, both damaged. 5 A/C strafed 15 boxcars at R-137688, all damaged, 1 MT also damaged. Also strafed factory at this point. 30 plus MT at R-115685 strafed, 2 destroyed 20 damaged. 1 A/C strafed town at R-106677, no results observed. 3 A/C strafed MT, 1 destroyed, 2 damaged. Intense accurate LAA at Kaiserlautern. Moderate accurate HAA & moderate LAA at Neustadt. Weather CAVU with slight haze east of Rhine. 2 A/C damaged, Cat. # 1. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 228 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2524

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission, up at 0830 down at 1200, Recce route 3 covered. 8 A/C bombed M/Y in town at R-3380, bomb run to 1000'. T.O.T. 0955 with 2 x 500 & 24 x 20 hit train, 1 loco & 7 boxcars damaged, 3 boxcars destroyed. 2 x 500 & 24 x 20 hit & destroyed warehouse, 12 x 500 & 144 x 20 hit in M/Y, damaged 4 locomotives. 3 A/C bombed loco & 10 plus boxcars at R-3786, bomb run to 2500'. T.O.T. 1005, 2 x 500 & 24 x 20 hit & damaged factory. 4 x 500 & 48 x 20 missed train. 11 A/C strafed 1 loco & 6 plus passenger cars at M-3205, loco & all cars damaged. 11 A/C strafed loco & 10 boxcars at M-3107, no steam up, tracers observed hitting loco, loco & 5 cars damaged. Moderate LAA at 3380, moderate HAA at Neustadt. Scant HAA from Landau, scant LAA at Pirmasens. Weather recce route clear. Vosges Mts. 9/10ths to 9000'. 1 A/C did not get off due to ice on plane. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 264 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2525

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on Armed Recce mission of Route #3 up at 0835 down at 1145, bombed target at Q-7574. T.O.T. 1045, bomb run to 3000', target 1 loco & 6 plus boxcars. All bombs hits S. of tracks. Flight strafed target plus 30 boxcars on siding at same point. 8 boxcars damaged by strafing. Weather CAVU. 2 A/C did not get off, 2 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs S. of field. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 192 x 20 lb Frags.

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Mission 2526

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on Armed recce mission up at 1330 down at 1630. Flight to contact controller for target. Target assigned, Bitche. 8 A/C jettisoned bombs safe to catch F/ac. 4 A/C returned to base, 4 A/C patrolled Sarreguemines, Bitche area. Scant accurate HAA at Zweibrucken & Pirmasens, scant LAA at Homburg. Weather CAVU in target area, 5/10ths at 5000' to 7000' over mountains. Bombes exp: None.

Mission 2527

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on Armed Recce mission up at 1345 down at 1715. Flight to contact controller for target. 3 A/C given target at Q-665648. T.O.T. 1545. 7 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-559599, bomb run to 4000'. T.O.T. 1545, 2 hits on building W. of M/Y, 2 hits short, 3 hits on tracks in M/Y, rest into M/Y, results unobserved. Intense HAA from target, intense LAA & scant HAA at Borbach. Weather, CAVU in target area, hazy over mountains, 5/10ths at 5000' to 7000'. 2 A/C did not get off... 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 240 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2528

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on Armed Recce up at 1340 down at 1645. Flight to be assigned target by controller at Q-650600, bomb run to 2500', 8 hits on tanks, 2 destroyed, 2 hits in woods, 10 hits on both sides of road. 1 MT strafed & damaged. Scant HAA & intense LAA at target. Weather, CAVU in target area, 5/10ths at 5000' to 7000', over mountains. 2 A/C did not get off. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1 .
Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 240 x 20 lb Frags.

Note 4	B	(i)	68	
		(ii)	58	
		(iii)b.	1	
		c.	9	
		(vii)	4	Cat. #1
		(viii)	58	
	C	(i)	23	75 gal.
		(ii)	19	75 gal.
Note 5	D	(i)	190:30	
Note 6	E	(i)	136,000	
		(ii)	17,360	
Note 7	F	(i)	134 x 500 lb GP 1560 x 20 lb Frags	
		(ii)	98 x 500 lb GP 1140 x 20 lb Frags	
		(iii)	22 x 500 lb GP 252 x 20 lb Frags (Returned 14 x 500 and 168 x 20 to base)	

For the Group Commander:

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

2 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref :

Oprep A No. 53 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Leonard, took off at 0815 on an Armed Recce in the areas of Landau - Neustadt - Bad Kreusnack - Sprendlingen and Durkheim. 1 x 500 on loco with 18 boxcars going SW at R-3268, no damage. 7 x 500 on supply dump at Q-944758, 1 bldg. damaged. 6 x 500 on train with 6 boxcars, 4 coaches (silver) at R-3583, 1 loco damaged. 8 x 500 on train with 20 boxcars going S at M-095380. 1 loco dest., 8 boxcars dest., and 1 bldg. dest. Flak was intense, accurate, heavy and light at R-2866, R-5399, R-3585, and M-095380. Weather for mission was CAVU. T.O.T. 0850-0950, T.D. 1030.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) to (v) NIL.
(vi) 1 P-47 (Flak).
(vii) Nil
(viii) 10

C. (i) 11 - 10x75 Gal. and 1x150 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 11 - 10x75 " " 1x150 " " "

D. (i) 23:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,060 " " "
(iii) 2,500 " " "

F. (i) 22 x 500 RDX Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. 2nd Lt. William B. Schleppegrell 0-715009 MIA. Ship hit by flak and pilot seen to bail out and land safely 5 miles NE Saarbrucken.

H. NIL

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(C) 1.
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9. (A) 1.
(C) 1.

Oprep A No. 54 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945, (Cont'd).
Mission or Operation ~~No. 48~~ XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Maj. Wright, took off at 0901 on an Armed Recce in the areas of Landau - Neustadt - Bad Kreusnack - Sprendlingen, and Durkheim. 8 x 500 and 3 x 100 on train with 10 boxcars headed N (stat) at R-3073 - 4 near misses, no claims. 6 x 500 and 2 x 100 on train with 15 box cars, 15 separate boxcars in small M/Y at R-1299. No hits, 1 loco dam. (straffing). 4 x 500 and 1 x 100 on M/Y at R-1299, no hits on train. 4 lt. flak positions dam. (Straf). 2 x 500 and 3 x 100 on small M/Y at R-2387, 8 boxcars, no hits. 1 bldg. dam. (onfire - straf). Intense, inaccurate, heavy and light at R-3073, and R-1299. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 0935-1025, T.D. 1102.

B. (i) 10 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 20:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 20,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 850 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 20 x 500 G.P. Instant, 9 x 100 WP Instant.
(ii) 20 x 500 " " 9 x 100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1
6. (C) 4
9. (C) 1
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Oprep A No. 55 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Wheeler, took off at 1145 on a close

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Oprep A No. 55 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945. (Cont'd).

A. support mission to R/V with "Elite" at Saar Union or to hit alternate target - a tank concentration at Q-655571. Sq. contacted "Elite" who referred Sq. to Adkin "C" who sent Sq. to tank concentration at Q-645580. 22 x 500 dropped on target, NRO, because of woods. Sq. strafed at Q-649581 - 1 tiger tank dam., at Q-646579 - 1 tiger tank dam. 4 P-47's strafed woods at request of Adking "C", NRO. Weather was cavu. T.O.T. 1220-1300, T.D. 1320.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 17;30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,560 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 2. (C) 2.

Oprep A No. 56 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 1223 on a close support show and armed recce in the areas of Landau - Bad Kreusnack - and Neustadt. Sq. contacted "Elite" who referred Sq. to "Elite Able", who gave recce of area around Neunhafen Q-8345. Nothing found so he laid white smoke on Fischbach. 20 x 500 and 2 x 100 on target, NRO. 2 x 500 hung and were dropped at Egnelshardt (Q-8248). Intense, inaccurate heavy flak at Zwiebrucken and Permasens; moderate inaccurate light at Q-9342. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1245-1345, T.D. 1423.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 x 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 x 75 " " "

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D. (i) 26;15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 8,500 " " "
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail, 2x100 W.P. Instant
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " " 2x100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

Cprep A No. 57 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Teller, took off at 1329 on a close support show with "Elite". 12 x 500 and 6 x 100 WP on M/Y at R-0167. 1 bldg. and 14 boxcars dam. 8 x 500 and 4 x 100 dropped between Q-910637 and Q-940635. 1 tank dam. Moderate inaccurate heavy and light flak encountered at Q-9263. 1/10 clouds at 5,000', vis unlimited. T.O.T. 1345, T.D. 1509.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 9 "
(iii) (a), (b) and (d) NIL, (c) 2 - Engine - 1-Oil leak push-rod housing. 1-Oil leak-rocker box cover.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 9

C. NIL

D. (i) 22;00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,080 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail. 12x100 WP Instant.
(ii) 20 x 500 " " " " " 10x100 " "
(iii) 4 x 500 " " " " " 2x100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 2. (C) 1; 4. (C) 14; 9. (C) 1; 14 --- 1.

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Oprep A No. 58 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 1443 on a close support mission. Sq. contacted "Elite" who told Sq. to recce road E of Bitche for horse-drawn artillery. 22 x 500 on 15 horse-drawn vehicles at Q-845542. 2 horse drawn vehicles, 1 road block dest., 2 horse drawn vehicles damaged (strafe). 2 x 500 on 5 trucks loaded with troops in Phillipsburg Q-875426. 2 Motor transport, 1 bldg. destroyed., 2 M/T damaged. Moderate inaccurate light flak encountered at Q-835510. 10/10 clouds forming at 3,000 vis good. T.O.T. 1515-1600, T.D. 1628.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 4,240 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 2; 9. (A) 1; 10 (A) 1; 13. (A) 2.
(C) 2; (C) 2.

Oprep A No. 59 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 52 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Killingsworth, took off at 1525 on a close support mission with "Adkin". Sq. contacted "Adkin" who gave target as a crossroads at Geislautern Q-3470. 24 x 500 on target - 2 direct hits. 1 road block dest. 1 x 500 in zig trenches at Q-3472. 1 x 500 jet. safe at Q-3613. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1640-1700, T.D. 1720. No opposition encountered.

B. (i) 13 P-47's
(ii) 13 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 13

C. (i) 3 x 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 x 75 " " "

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Oprep A No. 59 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945, (Cont'd).

D. (i) 24:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 26,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL.

F. (i) 26 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 25 x 500 " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " "
(iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 10. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 60 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 53 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Delaney, took off at 1559 on a close support show with "Elite". Sq. contacted "Elite" who gave target of M/T SE of Permasens, however, none found. 16 x 500 on boxcars at R-1368. 7 boxcars destroyed 15 boxcars damaged. A slight haze prevailed. Moderate accurate light flak (from trains) encountered at R-1368. T.O.T. 1645, T.D. 1735.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 8 "
(iii) (a) and (d) NIL. (b) 1 Pilot error-lost Sq. while in flight.
(c) 2 Engine - 1 - Oil leaks-push rod housing; 1-oil leaks rocker box cover.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 8

C. NIL.

D. (i) 16:15 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,774 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
1 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 16 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(iii) 6 x 500 " " " " "
1 x 500 W.P. Instant.
(iv) Nil.

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G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 7
(C) 15

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Lung

RAYMOND K. LUNG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17th Bomb Group (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 548

1. No. Off 36 - B26 Time Up 1120 Time Down 33-1450 Total Hours 132:10

2. *a.* Type Mission: Daylight - - Precision *b.* Escorted by: 64th F. W. 20-25 P47's.

3. Weather: No Clouds - - - - - - Visibility 15 Miles.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG.(low oil pressure R. engine).
1 - B26	ENG.(Loss of power).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ARMAMENT(bombay doors wouldn't xxxxxx open).
1 - B26	ARMAMENT(broken toggle switch).

5. Target: (1) KAISERSLAUTEN BARRACKS AND SUPPLIES (W) R-051937, GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Barracks and Supplies-(W)R-051937, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2-Center.	Annweiler(R-1967), GERMANY.	1303	32	12,500'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 2 - 18 ship VEE'S of six flight(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 338 degrees with right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 198 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 47 sec. (2) - - (3) - - (4) - - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42nd BOMB WING: "Bombs cut through the center of the target area in a S. to N. direction. Direct hits were scored on 11 of the 41 buildings. Many additional buildings were damaged by probable hits and near misses. The white phosphorous bombs fell short to the SW of the target." - - - - Pictures were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	240	211	- -	- -	- -	NONE	16(ENG). 8(ARM).
100#(WHITE PHOSPHORUS)	M-4 and M-126	180	150	- -	- -	- -	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	4	RACK MALFUNCTION	TARGET AREA.
500# GP	1	RACK MALFUNCTION	Lake S. of Dijon, France.
100#(W. P.)	24	BROKEN TOGGLE SWITCH	TARGET AREA.
100#(W. P.)	6	BROKEN TOGGLE SWITCH	Lake S. of Dijon, France.

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	87,950	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
C. P.	ACCURATE	MODERATE	TARGET AREA

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
1 - ME 109's	DAHN AREA(WH-0261).	UN-AGGRESSIVE.

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C(B-26B41-42-43308), shot down over target area.	FLAK	2P; 3Bomb(OFF); 1RG; 1EG; 1AG; all listed as M. I. A.
20 A/C returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE.

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: None

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 Jan. 1945 Mission No. 463

1. No. Off 7 B-26's Time Up 10:58 Time Down 14:03 Total Hours 21:20
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Spare	None	

5. Target: (1) Ahrweiler, Germany (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Town (X) M-1767	Reichshoffen (X)9536 DJ M-35X	12:54	6	11,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- 6 ship flight, number 1 element in trail. Bomb run- bombed in route formation. Bombing procedure- All bombs dropped off of lead A/C. Axis of attack-35°T. Withdrawal- Broke left. Evasive action- None.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 100 90 Seconds

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- A good concentration of bombs on the target.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1a.025	56	46				None	8

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	2	Hung Up	In lake south of Dijon, France. (W) U-0843

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 cal.	18,375	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Moderate	Target area

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
2 B-26's (Cat I)	Flak	None

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. and 443rd.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 Jan. 1945 Mission No. 464

1. No. Off 19 B-26's Time Up 10:40 Time Down 14:08 Total Hours 79:25
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	1- Personnel sick 1- Engine trouble	None	

5. Target: (1) Kaiserlautern, Germany "A" (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	barracks (A) R*053940	Annweiler(A)R-1767	1301	17	11,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- Two 9 ship squadrons, javlin down. Bomb run- Bombed in compressed formation, remained route formation in break. Bombing procedure- All bombs dropped off of #1 man in each squadron. Axis of attack- 339°T. Withdrawal- Broke right. Evasive action- None.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 20 Seconds

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 95

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- An excellent concentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500 GP	.1/.025	128	110				None	16
100 M/P	M & M126	90	70				"	7

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500 GP	2	Hung up	In lake- O-0843
100 M/P	13	" "	Target area

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	69,300	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Inaccurate	Moderate	Target area

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

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Group 320th. Squadrons 442nd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 465

1. No. Off 19 B-26's Time Up 10:50 Time Down 1414 Total Hours 69:05

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: Clear

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Spare

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) Kaiserlautern, Germany. "C" (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Stores and work shops (a) R-042937	Annweiler (a) R-1767	13:00	18	10,300
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- Two 9 ship squadrons, javlin down. Bomb run- Bombed in compressed formation, regained route formation in break. Bombing procedure- All bombs dropped off of #1 man in each squadron. Axis of attack-330°M. Withdrawal- Broke right. Evasive action- Loss of altitude and turns.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 45 seconds

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 95

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- a good concentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500 GP	.1/.025	128	117				None	11
100#/P	.1/.126	61	57				"	None

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
100#/P	4	Hung up	In lake- 0843

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	49,425	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Moderate	Target area

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
4 B-26's (cat I)	Flak	None

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.O.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.O.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 77 for 24 hours ending sunset, 1 January, '45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3578.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0900-1045. To recce Kaiserslautern-M-3315-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 300 plus RR cars Kaiserslauterns M/Y..many damaged, RR cars in SW end of Kaiserslautern M/Y. 30 RR cars, mostly boxcars, at M-1204. 1 train with 30 cars, mostly boxcars, stationaryfacing north at M-1107, apnear to have been bombed. 1 train with 35 cars stationary , mostly boxcars, at M-1208. 40 RR cars, mostly boxcars, M-2213. 15 boxcars stationary at M-2215. ENEMY AIR: 2 ME-109's sighted on seck at M-3515 haeding west. Mission was at 7000', flying west when ME-109's were sighted, dove on them weaver got on tail ofone ME, fired at him, saw burst of flame from left side of engine. Saw strikes on fuselage, wings and cockpit. Weaver broke to left, ME to right, when last seen, burst of flame was coming from left side of engine. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0920-1030. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs 30 mins.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. (ii) 480 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. (ii) 1 ME-109 probably destroyed.

OPERATIONS NO.3579.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0930-1115. To recce and photo in Kaiserslautern-Ludwigshafen-Landau-Pirmasens. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with steam up , 8 boxcars stationary facing north at M-3207. 1 train with about 50cars , about half of them loaded with MT mvg. east R-4487. 1 train mvg. north at M-3400. 1 train with 50 plus cars mvg. north, most cars loaded R-3079. About 15 RR cars with abut 8 cars loaded with vehicles covered with tarpau lin and snow covered in M/Y at Landau. 1 train mvg. east with 25 RR cars at R-1667. 15-20 MT MTmostly mvg. west at R-1667-R-0867. 25 MT stationary along road at Q-9564-Q-9763, at 1050 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Neustadt. Light-scant-inaccurate at Landau. PHOTOS: 70 plus RR cars in M/Y, main lines clear, at R-455880.36 MT mg. mostly to west, too small to identify at Q-986665. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 0950-1100. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs 50 mins.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 3580.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1010-1155. To recce Strassbourg-Freiburg area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1140. WEATHER: 9/10-10/10 2500'-3500' Rhine valley from Haguenau to Basel and east over black forest. Thin layer at 6000' over Black forest.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Freiburg area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs 30 mins.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 3581.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1120-1250. To recce Trier-Koblenz area. OBSERVATIONS: 200 plus RR cars in M/Y at Koblenz. 4 plus large barges in Rhine at Koblenz. Observed following RR bridges: L-2431, L-2855, L-3135, L-3533, L-4036, L-4143, L-5247, L-5050, L-4752, L-5654, L-5550, L-8794. Road and RR bridge at L-9096. RR bridge across Rhine at L-9093 intact. (All above RR bridges listed by coordinates, are intact). Road bridge across Rhine at L-9195 intact. Road bridge across Moselle at L-4241, is out. Road bridge at L-9540 is out, RR bridges at L-5761 and L-5767, unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1135-1235. WEATHER: 5/10 3-4000' along Moselle river from Treir to Koblenz.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking "C" area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3582.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1320-1440. To recce Pirmasens-Kaiserslautern-Ludwigshafen-Karlsruhe. OBSERVATIONS: 2 MT mvg. west at Q-9763. 20 boxcars on siding at Q-9580. 1 locomotive with 200 RR cars on siding at M/Yeat Kaiserslautern. Bridges across Rhine at Ludwigshafen-Speyer-Germersheim-Karlsruhe-intact. Flight returned to base due to radio failure.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Pirmasens-Karlsruhe. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3582 (Cont'd.)

C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs 40 mins.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G., H., Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3583.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1400-1525. To recce Saerbrucken-Bingen-Mainz-Worms-M-2002. OBSERVATIONS: Many tank tracks north of Bitche-all in N-S direction. 15 plus MT mvg. west from Bitche at Q-765507..2 MT mvg. east into Bitche on same road 2 locomotives with steam up mvg. north i nto M/Y at Worms. 1 MT mvg. north into Neunkirchen. 60 boxcars in M/Y at M-0034. 50 boxcars in M/Y Bad-Kreuznach. 25 boxcars Mainz M/Y M-3655. 6 barges in Rhine river at M-2656 stationary. 12 plus barges in Rhine at Mainz, stationary, some appeared to be loaded. Tug towing two barges north at M-4641. Both bridges at Worms serviceable. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1510. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saerbrucken-M-20002. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs 50 mins.
E. 2200rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO.3584.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1435-1620. To recce Saerbrucken-Zweibrucken-Landau-Ludwigshafen-Kaiserslautern. OBSERVATIONS: 25 plus MT scattered, some towing trailers along road along railway mvg. between Zweibrucken and Q-8975. 60 plus boxcars stationary at Q9075. 10 MT mvg. south at Q-9585. 17 MT mvg. west at R-1169. 4 large barges mvg. NW in canal between R-7090 and Mannheim. 1 very largebarge mvg. south at R-3688. 5 locomotives with steam up, and 200 plus RR carsand much activity in M/Y at Ludwigshafen. 3-5 MT mvg. south at R-3080. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-moderate-inaccurate at Ludwigshafen. Heavy-moderate-accurate at Landau. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1605. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saerbrucken-Kaiserslautern. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs 30 mins.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

1 Janurary 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A No. 108 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 1 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 253

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 0900-1045. To recce in Area Trier-Koblinz. OBSERVATIONS: A/F Trier serviceable no a/c, 2 large columns smoke in Trier, Barracks SE part Trier no activity, 2 bridges hwy W side Trier serviceable, RR br L-2432 unserviceable, M/Y L-2533 2 engines steam up M/Y 1/2 full, all bridges between Trier Koblenz serviceable except hwy bridge at L-6976, No rail activity between Trier Koblenz, 40 box cars stationary at L-5972, Koblenz E side M/Y 1/2 full 2 trains 40 box cars stationary steam up facing N, 1 loco steam up facing N, 5 MT 15 horse drawn transport scatt general movement NE between Koblenz Trier on autoban, General vic L-3958 many tank traps, L-3543 small serviceable air field 6 single engine a/c scatt camoblaged, 1 MT 1 tank Mvg NE into Trier at L-1726. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0915-1020. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C. (ii) 2 attacking Trier-Koblinz. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 254

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 0900-1015. To recce in Area "E". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y empty at Pforzheim, NMS, NMS Pforzheim - Hirschhorn, train 10 box cars stat facing E in M/Y at Hirschhorn, loco N at R-6881, M/Y Bruschsal 1/2 full 2 locos stat steam up, 1 S/E A/C landing on A/D at Karlsruhe, Possible A/C parked on E edge of field, M/Y E edge of Karlsruhe 1/3 full, M/Y S of Karlsruhe 1/3 full, NMS ENEMY AIR: 1 S/E A/C landing on A/D at Karlsruhe - Possible A/C parked on E edge of field. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil.. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0925-0955. WEATHER: E half of rara 10/10 at 7-8,000. W half of area CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Area "E". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 255

A. 2 F-6-C's from 1000-1130. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Saarbrucken M/Y 1/5 full, 1 loco mvg N Q-4574, Neukirchen M/Y 1/5 full, bok cars, 2 MT mvg S at Q-4474, 60 box cars at Oteweiler, Few box cars at all small yds between Saarbrucken and St. Wendell. NMS Saarbrucken Kaiserslantern, NMS Hamburg Saargemund, NMS Hamburg Q-9074, 2 MT mvg S at Q-2497. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Lt, Scant, Accurate Q-2497. Hvy Scant, Accurate Saarlantern. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1010-1120. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6-C's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vi) Nil. (vii) 1 F6-B, Flak. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hours
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 256

A. 2 F6-D's from 1000-1115. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 base 2500 top 5,000 Stratus Cumulus. TOA: 1017-1050.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking area "F". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 257

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1150-1330. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 10-15 scattered M/T BW between Zweibrucken and Blieskastel, Artellery Shelling factory E side of river at Saarlantern. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-I-I Bleiskastel. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1205-1315. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. N il
D. 3 hrs. 20 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 258

A. 2 F6-C's from 1255-1445. To recce in Area "E". OBSERVATIONS: 7 S/E fighters possible Me109's on A/D at Karlsruhe, tracks in snow on runway and around runway NMS, 11 flat cars loaded with M/T or armor at R-5773, 6 empty flat cars at R-5878, M/Y Heidelburg 1/2 full NMS, 5 scattered M/T BW between Karlsruhe and Heidelburg, No A/C or activity on A/D at Sirsheim, train 25 cars partly passenger cars E out of Pforzheim, 15 scattered M/T BW between Stuttgat and Karlsruhe, building resembling factory camouflaged, covering about an acre of ground vic R-7540, New trenches dug along E side of Rhine between Offenburg and W-0358. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1315-1425. WEATHER: 7/10 6,000 - 8,000 lowering in S to deck vic Stuttgart. visibility unlimited.
B. 2 F6'Cs (ii) 2 attacking area "E". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 40 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 259

A. 2 F6-D's from 1430-1505. To recce in area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Nil. TIME OVER AREA: 1445-1450. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii) Unsuccessful due to Radio. (iv-vii) Nil. (Viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 260

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1330-1500. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: NMS Strasbourg - Karlsruhe, train no loco 30-40 cars at Rostatt, M/Y S of Karlsruhe 1/2 full, 1 loco mvg W, NMS Karlsruhe Pforzheim Stuttgart, 5 A/C on A/D at Nellirjen, Weather prevented futher observations. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1405-1445. WEATHER: 10/10 South of Stuttgart 7,000-1,000. 6/10 top 6500ft.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "F". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 261

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1400-1550. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS.: 1 large MT and Trailer mvg NE vic R-4942, Bruschsal 1 train 50 cars facing S steam up, Bruschsal M/Y 1/2 full, R-5661 25 box cars on sidings in woods, R-7280 25 box cars on sidings, Wemheim M-7806 1 train 75 cars resembling cattle cars mvg N, Darmstadt 1 loco steam up in M/Y, M/Y 1/4 full no activity, 2 ships 100 foot long each mvg N at M-4352, 5 ships 150 ft long perpendicular E side shore steam up at M-4340, 75 ships mostly 75 ft long docked S Mainz, SW Mainz dumps along majority secondary roads, 1 MT mvg W from Ludwigshaven, 10 miles SW Ludwigshaven dumps along secondery roads. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Yes 1 Vert Dump R-3999 6,000 360° 1515 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1425-1585. WEATHER: E Rhine 8/10 Alto Stratus base 6500 W Rhine CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 40 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 262.

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1400-1530. To recce in Area "Trier - Kobleng" OBSERVATIONS: Hwy bridge at Trier serviceable, RR bridge I-2432 unserviceable, M/Y at I-2534 1/4 full, NMS, Bomb damage unrepaired, Hwy bridge at I-2935 serviceable, Hwy bridges at I-3940, I-5247, I-4851, I-5551, I-6975, I-8590, 2 hwy and 1 RR bridge at Koblenz servicable, Hwy bridge at I-6071 unserviceable, RR bridge serviceable at I-5866, RR and Hwy bridge at I-5761 serviceable, recent bombing of hwy at I-8598, 1 auto mvg E over bridge at I-4851. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-1 Trier. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1510. WEATHER: 7/10 3,000 - 5,000. Visibility unlimited.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking area "Trier - Kobleng" (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 Hours
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION S6-SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprn "A". No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION H.Q. - 84/3258

A. 1 F-5B, from 0940A to 1145A. To photo target: Kaiserlautern Area, Hamburg Area, Zweibrucken Area, Neunkirchen Area, Neustadt Area, Saarbrucken Area, Mannheim Area, Worms Area - Dumps at G-935762, M-023004. St. Ingbert Area. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Kaiselautern Area, Hamburg Area, Zwiebrucken Area, Neunkirchen Area, Neustadt Area, Saarbrucken Area, Mannehim Area, Worms Area, Dumps at: G-935762, M-023004. St. Ingbert Area. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1020A to 1115A WEATHER: CAVU in Area. Mission successful. (Garland A. York, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking Target: Kaiserlautern Area, Hamburg Area, Zweibrucken Area, Neunkirchen Area, Neustadt Area Saarbrucken Area/ Mannheim Area, Worms Area, Dumps at: G-935 762, M-023004. St. Ingbert Area. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil

D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes G. Nil

E. Nil H. Nil

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FORM 54A

TO: H. . Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S G2)

FROM: 541st SQDN RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 84/5859

A. 1 F-5E, from 0950A to 1140A. To photo target: Landau M/Y, Heidelberg M/Y, Bruchsall M/Y, Karlsruhe M/Y, Germersheim M/Y, Speyer M/Y, Rastatt M/Y, Bridge at R-857698, R-199987, R-241027. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil TARGETS: Landau M/Y, Heidelberg M/Y, Bruchsall M/Y, Germersheim M/Y, Speyer M/Y, Rastatt M/Y, Bridge at R-857698. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1043A to 1115A. WEATHER: Strato cumulus laying from Regensburg to Karlsruhe and ST. Mission Partially successful. (Allen P. Keith, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Landau M/Y, Heidelberg M/Y Bruchsall M/Y, Karlsruhe My, Germersheim M/Y, Speyer M/Y, Rastatt M/Y, Bridge at R-857698, R-199987 & R-241027. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. [illegible] hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operations Report No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3280

A. 1 F-5E, from 0950A to 1150A. To photo target: Block Coverage C-9867 to B-1397 to B-5483 to B-1453, to C-9867. Block Coverage: B-2278 to B-5065 to B-4040 to B-1054. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Three (3) bursts of heavy inaccurate flak over Kandel at 20,000 ft., PHOTOS: Block Coverage C-9867 to B-1397 to B-5483 to B-1453 to C-9867. Block Coverage: B-2278 to B-5065 to B-4040 to B-1054. - RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1140A. WEATHER: Light haze in target area. Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn., 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: C-9867 to B-1397 to B-5483 to B-1453 to C-9867. Block Coverage: B-2278 to B-5065 to B-4040 to B-1054 . (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 540.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION A2 SCH)

FROM: 64TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 64/8451

A. 1 P-38, from 1130' to 1330'. To photo target: Block Coverage: G-2886 to G-4497 to G-8080 to G-7080 to G-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to G-2886. Block Coverage L-0414 to M-1618 to M-2700 to P-1391 to L-9414. OBSERVATIONS: Noticed P-38's getting intense flak at Kaiserlautern - immense fires in Kaiserlautern. ENEMY AIR: Two (2) ME 109's circling up to intercept Pilot five (5) miles W of London. Pilot finished runs and returned home before interception was accomplished. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: G-2886 to G-4497 to G-8080 to G-7080 to G-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to G-2886. Block Coverage L-0414 to M-1618 to M-2700 to P-1391 to L-9414. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1230' to 1300 WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Robert C. Von Tempsky. 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-38, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: G-2886 to G-4497 to G-8080 to G-7080 to G-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to G-2886. Block Coverage: L-0414 to M-1618 to M-2700 to P-1391 to L-9414. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 40 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
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MISSION U.S. - 34/5262

A. 1 P-5E, from 0950A to 1210A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-2886 to Q-4497 to Q-6080 to Q-7080 to Q-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to Q-2886. Block Coverage: Q-6775 to L-8807 to R-1095 to Q-8760 to Q-6775. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage Q-2886 to Q-4497 to Q-6080 to Q-7080 to Q-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to Q-2886. Block Coverage: Q-6775 to L-8807 to R-1095 to Q-8760 to Q-6775. RADIO CONTACT: Good., TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1155A. WEATHER: CAVU in brget Area. Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-2886 to Q-4497 to Q-6080 to Q-7080 to Q-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to Q-2886. Block Coverage: Q-6775 to L-8807 to R-1095 to Q-8760 to Q-6775. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2hrs. 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 54TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 574 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "AA" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3483

A. 1 P-38, from 0955A to 1200A. To photo target: Block Coverage: G-9367 to R-1397 to R-3483 to R-1455 to G-9367. Block Coverage : R-2274 to R-5065 to R-4040 to R-1054 . OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: three (3) bursts of heavy inaccurate flak over Landau at 21,000 ft., PHOTOS: Block Coverage G-9367 to R-1397 to R-3483 to R-1455 to G-9367. Block Coverage. R-2278 to R-5065 to R-4040 to R-1054 . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1150A. WEATHER: Slight haze in target area - low clouds East of Rhine River. Mission successful. (Hayden C. Vaughn, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) P-38, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: G-9367 to R-1397 to R-3483 to R-1455 to G-9367. Block Coverage: R-2 78 to R-506 to R-4040 to R-1054 .

(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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U. S. A. A. F.
FORM 54A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION A2 SCU)

FROM: 84TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 476 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 54/3864

A. 1-F-5B, from 0955A to 1145A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-2886 to Q-4497 to Q-6080 to Q-7080 to Q-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to Q-4886. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil A/C/TOS: Block Coverage -2886 to Q-4497 to Q-6080, to Q-7080 to Q-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to Q-2886. RADIO CONTACT: Good. HUNG OVER AREA: 1030A to 1045'. WEATHER: CAVU in target area. Mission successful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage Q-4886 to Q-4497 to Q-6080 to Q-7080 to Q-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to Q-2886. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION A2 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3865

A. 1 F-5B, from 1000A to 1150A , To photo target: Block Coverage: G-2886 to G-4497 to G-8080 to G-7080 to G-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054 along front lines to G-2886. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: G-2886 to G-4497 to G-8080 to G-7080 to G-8670 to R-1054 along front lines to G-2886. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1115A WEATHER: CAVU in target area - alto-stratus East of Area. Mission successful. Everett P. Custis, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: G-2886 to G-4497 to G-8080 to G-7080 to G-8670 to R-1870 to R-1054. alongfront lines to G-2886. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. 50 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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U. S. A. A. F.
FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 20 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1944

MISSION U.S. - 84/6868

A. 1 P-5E, from 1415A to 1535A. To photo target: Block Coverage: C-2886 - C-4497 - C-6080 - C-7080 - C-8670 - R-1870 - R-1084 along front lines to C-2886. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil HEAVY FLAK: four (4) bursts, low insecur to flak, five (5) miles NE of Saarbrucken. PHOTOS: Block Coverage : C-2886 - C-4497 - C-6080 - C-7080 - C-8670 - R-1870 - R-1084 along front lines to C-2886. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445' to 1515A. REMARKS: CAVU. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd. 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: C-2886 - C-4497 - C-6080 - C-7080 - C-8670 - R-1870 - R-1084 along front lines to C-2886. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil P. Nil
D. 1 hr 40 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil M. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 28 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 276 for 24 hours ending sunset
1 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 6/3867

A. 1 F-5E, fro 1420A to 1530A. To photo Target: BDA - R-053900, BDA - R-042987, BDA. R-051987. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ANTI-A FIRE: Nil PHOTOS: BDA - R-053900, R-042987, R-051987, . RADIO CONTACTS: Good. FLAK OVER AREA: 1455A - 1515A. WEATHER: CAVU - Slight haze. Mission successful. (Garland T. York, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: BDA's - R-053900, R-042987, R-051987. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil

D. 1 hr. 10minutes G. Nil

E. Nil H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/1/45 S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 505 for 24 hours ending Sunset January 1, 1945.

A. Six Beaufighters off during the period. One Beaufighter started on Intruder Mission but was shot down by Bogey A/C while running an interception enroute According to the R/T log, the bogey was identified as friendly by pilot. At 19:22 hrs. while at WV-4248, Torrid 18 called and said they had received fire which shot out one engine, tail surfaces and wounded observer. Tried to bring A/C to emergency field but at 19:35 hrs. at WK-0218 spun in and killed both members of the crew. Five GCI patrols in Nancy area. Two Bogeys in Nancy area were contacted but overshot and lost. Two Bogeys in Strasbourg area. Contacted one but lost it because of low altitude. One Ju-88 was destroyed at 03:52 hrs. at WU-9581.

B. (i) Six Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Five
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) One by Bogey A/C No. MM-921
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Six

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 7:45

E. (i) 6000 x 20MM
36000 x .303
(ii) 600 x 20MM
1000 x .303
(iii) 1000 x 20MM
6000 x .303

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. 1 P - Killed
1 R/O - Killed

H. (i) 1 Ju-88 DES
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

E-I-2

APO 374, U S ARMY.
5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Operp A No. 238.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 238 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 January 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 60, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Armed Recce Mission from A-96 at 0802 hours, 2 January 1945, Lt. Huttemberger leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs and strafed 1 locomotive with 11 passengers cars headed NW at M-270280. 1 direct hit in the center of the train blew up 2 cars, 1 railcut was made, 1 locomotive damaged, 2 cars destroyed, 6 cars damaged. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a locomotive headed south at Bichtolfheim, M-326339. 1 near miss knocked the locomotive off the tracks destroying the locomotive. Squadron strafed the town of Bichtolfheim and a M/Y in the town with unobserved results. Squadron strafed 1 locomotive with 5 cars in a M/Y at Eppelsheim, M-308224. The locomotive was destroyed and 5 cars damaged. 2 bombs (500 lb.) were jettisoned safe at U-510227. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Homburg. Time down at A-96, 0955 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 0816 hours, 2 January 1945, Capt. Rowland leading. 11 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 10 x 500 lb. bombs on a bridge at Q-601831. No hits were scored. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 lb. bombs on a M/Y at L-595121 destroying 3 buildings and 6 tank cars. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Q-610854. Time down A-96, 1032 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0826 hours, 2 January 1945, Capt. Clark leading. 11 P47D's took off. Squadron dropped 15 x 500 lb. bombs and strafed a concentration of enemy troops and vehicles at Q-6450. All bombs fell in the area and results were very good but observation was prevented by intense flak. 1 bomb was jettisoned safe at Q-3813. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at Q-6458. Time down at A-96, 1034.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Armed Recce Mission from A-96 at 1118 hours, 2 January 1945, Capt. Hubble leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs on a railroad tunnel at L-906098. A direct hit on the north end of the tunnel blocked it. 2 railcuts were scored, 5 box cars destroyed. Squadron strafed 50 RR cars carrying pipes or iorn rods at L-906098 causing little damage. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Zwiebrucken. Time down at A-96, 1312 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1153 hours, 2 January 1945, Major Riggin leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Ground Controller directed squadron to bomb woods at Q-6357. 14 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped. 10 direct hits were scored but results were unobserved. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Limberg and Q-6668. Time down at A-96, 1356 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1557 hours, 2 January 1944, Major Finnegan leading. 11 P47D's took off. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on Bining, Q-647488. All direct hits destroyed 10 buildings, scored 1 roadblock and town was left burning when squadron left. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on the town of Gros Redenching, Q-621521. 1 large building was destroyed, 10 buildings damaged, and town left burning. Squadron strafed and damaged 10 vehicles at Erching, Q-653571. Intense, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Q-600555, Q-621521, Q-650500. Time down at A-96, 1718 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1427 hours, 2 January 1945, Capt. Futch leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 lb. bombs on 2 vehicles at Q-772468. 1 vehicle was destroyed by strafing. Squadron strafed and destroyed 1 large motor transport at Q-802494. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on a M/Y at Q-655832. 2 buildings were destroyed and the M/Y damaged. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs at Q-515695 with unobserved results. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a factory at Q-491652 with little damage. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at Q-782430 with unobserved results. Intense, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Homburg and Bitche. Time down at A-96, 1625 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1505 hours, 2 January 1945, Capt. Harding leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. bombs on the town of Breifort. 8 buildings were destroyed. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned in a lake (safe) at Q-4117. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1646 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1232 hours, 2 January 1944, Major Johnston leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1437.

ESCORT

B. 1. 15 x P47D's.
   2. 14.
   3. 1 - C - Rough Enging.
   4 thru 7, None.
   8. 14 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 30:00 x P47D.
   2. None.
E. 1. 28,500 x .50 cal.
   2 and 3, None.
F, G, H, I, None.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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B. 1. 104 x P47D's.
2. 102.
3. 2-C
1 Radio out.
1 Gas tank malfunction.
4 and 5, None.
6. 1 P47D was hit by flak and crashed about 5 miles from A-90. Pilot bailed out.
7. None.
8. 102 sorties.
C. 1. 28 x 75 gallon belly tanks.
2. 28.
D. 1. 194:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 197,600 x .50 cal.
2. 22,586.
3. None.
F. 1. 140 x 500 lb. RDX isnt.
2. 135.
3. 5.
4. None.
G and H, None.
I. Other Claims - On Ground.
1 railcut, 1 locomotive dam., 2 RR cars dest., 6 RR cars dam at M-270280.
1 locomotive destroyed at M-326339.
1 locomtive destroyed, 5 RR cars dam., 1 M/Y damaged at M-308224.
3 buildings dest., 6 tank cars dest. at L-595121.
2 railcuts, 5 box cars dest. at L-906098.
1 road block, 10 buildings dest. at Q-647488.
10 buildings dam., 1 large building dest. at Q-621521.
10 vehicles damaged at Q-653571.
1 vehicle dest. at Q-772469.
1 M/T dest. at Q-802494.
2 buildings dest, 1 M/Y damaged at Q-655832.
8 buildings dest. at Breifort.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS E-I-2
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)
APO 374, U S ARMY
5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 239.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 239 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 January 1944.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY.
5 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 240.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 240 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1227 hours, 4 January 1945, Lt. White leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs on a road junction at Q-779507. 4 near misses destroyed 2 buildings. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned safe at Q-2823. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at Q-768609. Time down at A-96, 1337 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1243 hours, 4 January 1945, Capt. Reiff leading. 12 P47D's took off, 3 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs on a road junction at Q-7854. 3 houses were destroyed, 3 houses damaged. Many dug-in enemy troops emplacements were observed here. Squadron strafed and damaged 1 locomotive and 6 box cars at Q-7773. Squadron strafed 24 M/T's at Q-8373. 4 were destroyed and 6 damaged. 1 railcut was scored at Q-8051. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned at Q-3912 in a lake. Intense, accurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Q_7854 and Q-7240. Time down at A-96, 1446 hours.

A. One squaron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1313 hours, 4 January 1945, Lt. Marks leading. 11P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. bombs on an enemy bivouac at Q-800402. Ground Controller said that the results were very good. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Saarunion and Mutterhouse. Time down A-96, 1502 hours.

B.1. 32 x P47D's.
2. 29 completed mission.
3. 3-D
1 A/C crippled by flak.
2 Escorts.
4. thru 6., Nil.
7. 3 CAT I - Flak
1 CAT II- Flak
8. 32 sorties.

C.1. 16 x 75 gallons belly tanks.
2. 16.

D.1. 54:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E.1. 60,800 x .50 cal.
2. 12,695.
3. None.

F.1. 38 x 500 lb. RDX Inst.
2. 32.
3. 6.
4. None.

G and H, None.

1-Other Claims - On Ground.
2 buildings dest at Q-779507.
3 houses dest., 3 houses dam at Q-7854.
1 locomotive damaged, 6 box cars damaged at Q-7773.
4 M/T dest, 6 M/T dam. at Q-8373.
1 railcut at Q-8051.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
2 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 2 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2529

12 P-47s of 315th & 316th Fighter Squadrons on dive bombing mission up at 0815 down at 1115. Target, town at Q-8050. T.O.T. 0955, bomb run to 2000', 15 hits in target area, 2 hits short & 1 bomb hung. 10 buildings destroyed. Hung bomb dropped at Z-8888. 2 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at O-3020. Scant HAA, Homburg. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble.
Bombs exp: 17 x 500 lb GP, 204 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2530

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0830 down at 1115. 5 A/C jettisoned bombs at R-1757. 4 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-3973, bomb run to 4000'. T.O.T. 1020, 2 hits in buildings causing large explosion, building destroyed. 4 RR cuts in M/Y, 10 cars damaged by strafing. Scant HAA at Landau. Weather, CAVU, hazy. 3 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble.
Bombs exp: 8 x 500 lb GP, 96 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2531

9 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission, up at 0830 down at 1115. Recce Landau, Kaiserlauten Area. 3 A/C jettisoned bombs at Q-2222. 2 A/C bombed M/Y. T.O.T. 1030, bomb run to 5000', 2 hits into town & 2 hits into building near M/Y. 2 buildings damaged. 1 A/C bombed NE of Sarrguemines, no hits. 3 A/C bombed Homburg M/Y, 50 scattered boxcars, 2 hits in building, building destroyed, 4 hits in M/Y, 4 boxcars destroyed & 10 damaged. Moderate LAA at Q-7080, scant HAA at Q-7273. Weather CAVU in recce area, 8/10ths east of Rhine with 3000' base, 3/10ths to 5/10ths from 5000' to 7000' along mountains. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 144 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2532

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1300 down at 1525, target at Q-645580, bomb run to 3000'. T.O.T. 1410, 21 hits in target area, 1 large explosion in target area, A/C strafed in dive. Flight recc'd Bitche area. Intense LAA & scant HAA at target. Weather CAVU. 1 bomb hung and was dropped at Q-5803. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs Southof field. Bombs exp: 21 x 500 lb GP, 252 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2533

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1315 down at 1645. Target MT & horsedrawn cavelry at Q-785432. T.O.T. 1530, bomb run to 2000', 12 hits in target area, 2 hits N, 4 hits NW & 2 near misses. 13 MT & 12 horsedrawn artillery pieces destroyed. 1 A/C strafed, 3 vehicles damaged. Scant HAA at Bitche. Weather, CAVU. 2 A/C did not get off.
Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 240 x 20 lb Frags.

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Mission 2534

9 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1325 down at 1645, target, troop consentration in wooded area. 9 A/C to 1000'. T.O.T. 1450, 2 hits 50 yds E of target, 16 hits in target area, no results observed. 6 A/C strafed same area again. Flight recced to L-8010, 3 A/C returned to base, 6 A/C strafed town at L-9524. Strafed 150 plus box & passenger cars at L-9010. 2 boxcars destroyed 20 damaged. Moderate LAA, scant HAA in target area. Moderate LAA & HAA at Q-8788. Weather CAVU, haze.
Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 216 x 20 lb Frags.

Note 4	B	(i)	66
		(ii)	57
		(iii)c.	9
		(viii)	57
	C	(i)	48
		(ii)	11
Note 5	D	(i)	167:50
Note 6	E	(i)	132,000
		(ii)	20,570
Note 7	F	(i)	132 x 500 lb GP 1584 x 20 lb Frags
		(ii)	96 x 500 lb GP 1152 x 20 lb Frags
		(iii)	24 x 500 lb GP 288 x 20 lb Frags (Returned 12 x 500 and 144 x 20 to base)

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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4 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 170 for the period ending Sunset 2 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15 and 18. Armed Recce Missions.

a. 10 P-47s of 366th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP and 1 x 260 # frag, dispatched at 0755 on Armed Recce Area "B". Route flown: Base to Pirmasens, Kaiserlautern, Lauterecken, Bad Kreuznach, Alzey, Enkenbach, Neustadt, base (low on gas). 6 GPs and 2 Frags dropped on 1 train composed of 1 loco steam up headed North and 20 box cars at Q-8794; 1 loco and 2 cars destroyed by direct hit, 1 rail cut, 3 cars dam by strafing. 2 GPs and 1 frag dropped on train, 1 loco and 40 box cars steam up headed South. 1 loco and 2 box cars destroyed by direct hit, 1 M/Y dam. RR station damaged by strafing. 1 frag dropped on 1 train composed of 1 loco (steam up) headed West and 20 box cars and coal cars at Mannheim, M-2315 also strafed, 1 loco and 20 cars damaged. 4 GPs and 2 frags dropped at Q-8791 on 2 locomotives steam up, 1 headed East and 1 headed West and 35-40 box cars. 1 loco and 25 cars dam by strafing, Y in rails cut. 2 GPs and 1 frag dropped on 30 box cars at Q-8695 missed. 6 GPs and 3 frags dropped on 2 locos steam up headed North and 10 box cars in M/Y at M-0512. 1 loco dest, 1 loco dam by direct hit, 1 M/Y damaged. 1 loco with steam up headed West and 15 coal cars damaged by strafing at M-2416. Fires at Q-8264. Bivouac area and tracks in snow at Q-8569. 100 box cars SE of Lauterecken. 200 cars, 3 locos

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steam up in Kaiserslautern, direction. E/A nil. Flak: Light, weak at Mannheim, M-2315. Light, weak, Q-8791. Weather 1-2/10 at 15,000 feet, haze visibility 5-8 miles. Time over target 0830-0930. Time down 0950.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron ea a/c carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs inst, and 1 x fraf inst, dispatched at 1058 on A/R. Route flown: Base to Bitchie Area, Pirmasens, Bitchie to base. "Baggage" turned squadron over to "Elite", "Elite" to "Horsefly", waited 15 minutes for "Horsefly" and could not find target given. At Q-990682 tracks cut at West end of tunnel, train half in East side of tunnel and was not moving. 10 box cars but no loco at R-208609. 1 L/Car and 4 M/Ts heading NW at Q-985006. Claims: 4-500's and 2 frags on tracks on tracks and cut in 2 places at R-208689. 6-500's and 3 frags on 3 flat cars with tanks on them parked on track. 3 flat cars destroyed and 3 tanks destroyed. Resulting by strafing: At R-140686, 12 flat cars with tanks, no locos and 2 center cars covered with tarpaulins, 2 cars covered with tarps destroyed, burned. Tanks were black with brown camouflage. At R-045875, 5 box cars damaged. At R-010670, 15 box cars damaged. At Q-972692, 15 box cars, no claims. At Q-970698, 1 tank and 3 M/Ts pointing West, damaged. At Q-915662, 6 to 8 M/Ts pint West destroyed 2, dam 1. At R-040600, 10 to 15 box cars, no claims. At Q-990670, damaged supply dump. Flak: Int, 1t at Q-8247. Mod, 1t at R-140686. Int,1t at Q-9074 and area surrounding Pirmasens. E/A: Observed 17 black Me-109s no marking seen, headed East at 11,000 feet at 1200 hours directly over Bitchie. Jettisoned bombs but could not over take them. 14, 500's and 7 frags jettisoned at Q-850615, to attack E/A. Lt. R.E. Smith, hit by flak, bailed out, chute seen to open at Q-9074. 1 Cat 3, 1 Pilot MIA. Weather: CAVU over target area, low slight haze West of Nancy. Time over target 1130-1230. Time down 1308.

B. (i) 22 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
At Q-8794, Loco and 20 box cars headed N. and on Loco and 40 cars headed South.
At M-2315, loco and 20 box cars.
At Q-8791, 2 locos, 30-40 box cars.
At Q-8695, 30 box cars.
At M-0512, in M/Y 2 locos and 10 box cars.
Also strafed the following;-
Q-8794, 3 cars.
RR station dam by strafing.
M-2315, loco and 20 cars.
Q-8791, loco and 25 cars.
Q-8695, 30 box cars.
M-2416, 1 loco and 15 coal cars.

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5 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-208689, Tracks.
3 flat cars with tanks parked on tracks.
7 A/C saw E/a, jettisoned there bombs, but could not over take them,
12 A/C strafed the following:-
R-140686, 12 flat cars with tanks.
R-045675, 5 box cars.
R-010670, 15 box cars.
Q-972692, 15 box cars.
Q-970698, 1 tank and 3 M/Ts, pointing West.
Q-915662, 6 to 8 MTs pointing West.
R-040600, 10 to 15 box cars.
Q-990670, supply dump.
22 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 A/C; P-47D-11RE 42-75566, at Q-9074. Hit by flak.
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 22

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 50:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 52,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 17,293 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).

F. (i) 44 - 500 # GP bombs, fused - Nose-M103; tail M113-M114.
22 - 260 # Frag bombs, fused - nose M103; tail M101a2.

(ii) 30 - 500 # GPs and 15 - 260# Frag expended as follows:-
6 GPs and 2 Frags on train at Q-8794.
2 GPs and 1 Frag on train, loco and 40 cars.
1 Frag on train at Mannheim, M-2315.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on 2 locos at Q-8791.
2 GPs and 1 Frags on 30 box cars at Q-8695.
6 GPs and 3 Frags on 2 locos in M/Y at M-0512.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on tracks at R-208689.
6 GPs and 3 Frags on 3 flat cars parked on track.

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(iii) 14 - 500 # GP bombs jettisoned at Q-850615.
7 - 260 # Frag bombs jettisoned at Q-850615.
(iv) Nil

G. Raymond E. Smith, Jr., O-710194. MIA.
2nd Lt., AC., Hit by flak, last seen bailing out, chute seen to open at Q-9074.

H. (i) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 4

2. Armored vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 9
c) Damaged, 67

7. Dumps, (suuply),
c) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 2

14. M/Y, damaged, 2.

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 17 and 20. Close Support Missions.

A. 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron ea a/c carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 ea 260 # Frag, dispatched at 0810 on close support Area "A". Route flown: Base to Saarguemones to Bitche to Kaiserlautern to Base. Did not finish Recce, low on gas. 22 GPs and 11 Frags on M/Y at R-0193, 40 cars destroyed by bombing. 1 terrific explosion which mushroomed up to 8,000 ft. Explosion came from a group of 20 box cars, believed to have contained ammunition. 100 box cars damaged by strafing, 1 M/Y attacked and damaged. "Atkin Charlie" contacted squadron and gave them a target in wooded area, which they tried for 20 minutes to find but could not locate it. They continued on their recce and bombed M/Y at West edge of Kaiserlautern R-0913 M/Y had 300-400 box cars and flat cars.

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Flat cars empty. 1 loco steam up in M/Y at R-0193. E/A nil. Flak: Heavy, scant, inaccurate, Saarguemines, Light, scant, inaccurate, heavy, scant, inaccurate at R-0193. 1 P-47, cat 1, damaged caused by flak or bomb blast. Weather: Nil clouds, haze up to 3500 ft, visibility 7 miles. Time over target 0840-0920. Time down 1005.

12 A/C of 367th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GPs and 1 x 260 # Frags, dispatched at 1451 on C/S area "A". Route flown: Base to Saarguemines to target to base. Squadron vectored to target so A/R not completed. Squadron was vectored to target by "Atkin C" and told to bomb the town which had approx 100 bldgs in it. There were a total of 3 squadrons bombing the town and it was also under artillery fire. 24 GPs and 12 frags on town of Bebelschein, Q-582634. Every bldg in the town was destroyed but claims can not be made because of the number of squadrons also bombing and the town being under artillery fire. Squadron strafed the town twice after bombing. Concentration of bombs was very good. E/A nil. Flak: Heavy, inaccurate at Q-582632. One P-47, cat 1, flak. Weather: Nil clouds, Vis 5-7 miles down sun, 3-5 miles up sun. Time over target 1520-1620. Time down 1640.

B. (i) 23 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
M/Y at R-0193, 40 cars destroyed.
M/Y at W edge of Kaiserslautern R-0913.
12 A/C dropped bombs on town of Bebelschein, at Q-582634. Squadron also strafed the town twice, after bombing.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged, 1 a/c by flak or bomb blast, cat 1, 1 a/c , flak, cat 1.
(viii) 23

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 45:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 55,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 13,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 46 - 500 # GP bombs, fused - tail M113-M114.
23 - 260 # Frag bombs, fused - nose, M103-tail M100a2.

(ii) 46 - 500 # GP and 23 -260 # Frag bombs expended as follows:-
22 GP and 11 Frag on M/Y at R-0193.
24 GP and 12 Frag on town of Bebelschein, at Q-582634.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 40
c) Damaged, 100

4. (3). Operation No.: 16, 19, and 21. Close support and Armed Recce.

A. 16 P-47s of 365th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 14 A/C carrying 1 x 260 # frag, dispatched at 0805 on C/S and A/R. Route flown: Base to Saarguemines, Bitche, Landau to base. Did not complete recce low on gas. 24 GPs and 10 Frags dropped at R-3792 on M/Y, loco and 75-100 box cars, 13 box cars destroyed, 14 damaged, 1 loco damaged, 1 M/Y damaged, 1 bldg destroyed. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped at R-5462 on train heading North loco and 20-30 tanks on flat cars, also 10 box cars. Loco damaged,15 flat cars damaged, fire started, train was stopped, strafed but no claims. 2 GPs and 1 frag dropped at R-5565 on loco and 20 flat cars and 20 tanks headed Northwest loco damaged, 3 flat cars destroyed by direct hits 3 tanks damaged. 2 GPs and 1 frag dropped at R-570615 on loco and 60 (40 flat cars w/tanks and vehicles, 20 box cars) headed West. 1 loco damaged 10 box cars by strafing. Landau 6 locos steam up and approx 350 box cars. At R-3670 loco and 20 box cars going East. At Neustadt loco and 30 box cars going West. At R-555620 loco and 30 box cars headed West. E/a nil. Flak: Moderate, heavy Landau, moderate light, R-5768, Meager, Heavy R-5565. 1 A/C cat 3, emergency landing nosed up , at another base, Y-1. Pilot OK. Time over target 0820-0920. Weather: Slight haze to 2,000 feet, visibility 4-5 miles up sun, otherwise CAVU. Time down 1010.

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12 P-47s of 365th Squadron, carrying 24 x 500 # GP bombs and 10 x 260 # frag bombs, dispatched at 1450 hours to perform C/S and armed recce. Followed route of base to Saareguemines, to Q-6066, Q-998678, to base. Flak: mod. lt. at Q-6066; mod.lt. at Q-5865, scant, heavy at Q-5865; mod. lt, at Q-998678. Observations, Q-675632-- 20 M/T standing, headed West. Q-822628 -- 1 heavy gun, artillery. Q-140688 -- 12 flat cars empty, 12 box cars. (This same target as given by 366th Sq). Saw 366th bomb town: good concentration. Atkin gave targets and claims and results as follows: 8 x 500 # GP bombs and 2 frags on Behelschein, Q-5863 -- 6 bldgs destroyed and 1 bldg damaged. 16 GP and 8 frags on Wittersheim, Q-584650 --6 direct hits on 1 bldg which was destroyed; 6 direct hits on warehouse bldgs and 4 were destroyed; 6 direct hits on 6 square bldgs and 4 were destroyed; 2 Strafing passes at R-018670 where 30 passenger cars were seen and claim 30 damaged. 3 strafing passes by 8 a/c at Q-998678 where 1 locomotive and 40 box cars were observed stationary and headed West. Two strafing passes were made. Some damage, but since train had already been heavily strafed previously, no claims. 1 bogie, s/e, dark camouflage, seen headed NE on deck at R-0065 at 1610 hours. No other bogies or E/A encountered: no losses; no further claims. Time over target; 1535 hours to 1640 hours. Time down 1700 hours. Weather: haze to 3000 ft., visibility 10 miles;

10 P-47s of 366th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GPs 4-5 seconds, 1 x 260 frag, dispatched at 1415 on C/S and A/R area "B". Route flown: Base to Saarguemines, Saarbrucken to base. Squadron contacted "Atkin Fox" he told them to bomb entrenchments at Q-3471. Target marked by white smoke. All bombs dropped. All but 3 bombs in target area. Two strafing passes in area. E/A nil. Flak: Light weak at Q-3471. Great deal of smoke at Q-3180. Time over target 1450-1550. Weather: No cloud, slight haze under 2,000 feet, vis unlimited. Time down 1615.

B. (i) 38 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C dropped bombs as follows:-
M/Y at R-3792, loco and 75-100 box cars.
Train, at R-5462.
Loco and 20 flat and 20 tanks cars at R-5565.
Loco and 60 cars at R-570615.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Behelschein, Q-5863.
Wittershein, Q-584650.
Also strafed the following;-
At R-018670, 30 passenger cars.
At Q-998678, loco and 40 box cars.

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10 A/C dropped bombs on entrenchments at Q-3471.
also strafed, two passes in area.
38 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 A/C, P-47D 28RE 44-20215, damaged, emergency landing nosed up, at another base, Y-1. Pilot Safe.
(viii) 38

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 84:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 91,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 20,900 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 76 - 500 # GP bombs, fused - nose M103; tail -M101A2.
34 - 260 # Frag bombs, fused -nose M103; tail -100A2.
(ii) 76 GPs and 34 Frags expended as follows:-
24 GPs and 10 Frags at R-3792 on M/Y.
4 GPs and 2 Frags at R-5462 on train.
2 GPs and 1 Frags at R-5565, loco and cars.
2 GPs and 1 Frag at R-570615 on loco and 60 cars.
8 GPs and 2 Frags on Behelscheim, Q-5863.
16 GPs and 8 Frags on Wittersheim, Q-584650.
20 GPs and 10 Frags on entrenchments at Q-3471.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 18
c) Damaged, 72

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 16
c) Damaged, 19

11. Railroads cut, 1

14. M/Y, c) Daamged, 1

No further results observed, although bombs dropped

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on target, entrenchments at Q-3471.

4. (4). Operation No.: A.O. 29. Escort medium bombers mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1135 to escort medium bombers, attacking Q-842686. Route flown: Base to Epinal to Eddenkopen to Pirmasens to Hagenau to Rastatt to Hagenau to Saarebourg to base. Squadron R/V with bombers at 1203, 11,000 feet at Epinal. They escorted the mediums, who took turns bombing different targets in clusters of six ships. They had a good concentration of most of their targets. Squadron withdrew at 1330 hours, 10,000 feet at Saarebourg. E/a nil. Flak: Heavy, scant, inaccurate, at Landau. Time over target 1203-1330. Weather: Ceiling and visibility unlimited. Down 1350.

12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1136 to Escort B-26s attacking target Q-842686. R/V w/bombers 1202, 14,000 feet at Epinal. Bombed in Groups of 3 to 6. Good concentration of target at R-331209. Withdrew 1350 at 14,000 feet Epinal. Flak: Heavy moderate, Pirmasens, heavy moderate Landau. At V-9801 large explosion dark brown smoke. E/A nil. Time over target 1202-1350. Weather: CAVU slight haze to 1,000 feet. Time down 1410.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 24 A/C escorted medium bombers, attacking Q-842686.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 59:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Mil.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

3 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army
Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

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Oprep A No. 61 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Bacon, took off at 0809 to perform armed recce in the areas of Saarbrucken - Homburg - Kaiserlautern - Neustadt - and Landau. 8 x 500 on loco with 30 boxcars moving E at R-0893. 10 boxcars destroyed, 1 rail cut. 8 x 500 on stat. loco at tunnel facing E at R-0993, cars in tunnel. 1 loco damaged., 1 rail cut. Sq. was flying at 11,000' headed W 10 miles E of Pirmasens when 30 plus Fw-190's and Me-109's carrying belly tanks bounced from E. Sq. engaged. See Par. H. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered at R-6251, and R-2286. Over Bitche - intense accurate light. 2nd Lt. Daniel A. Naymik 0-830052 was forced to bail out as the result of engaging e/a. Pilot landed safely and returned. Weather for mission was CAVU. T.O.T. 0845-0915, T.D. 1011.

B. (i) 14 P-47's
(ii) 13 "
(iii) to (v) NIL
(vi) 1 P-47 e/a Fw-190
(vii) 1 " Cat "E" e/a Fw-190
(viii) 13

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 28:20 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 12,380 " " "
(iii) 4,000 " " "

F. (i) 28 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 28 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

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G. Capt. Harry W. Hohl, Jr. O-559957, last seen on deck in level flight, area Q-8565. MIA due to e/a.

H. (i) In the Air:
1 Fw-190 Lt. Col. P. E. Bacon, Jr. O-427581
1 " 1st Lt. L. G. Long O-766579
1 " 2nd Lt. J. M. Keir, Jr. O-774182

(ii) In the Air:
1 Fw-190 2nd Lt. B. J. Ruhl O-1995985
1 " " " G. H. Johnson O-710000
1 " " " C. G. Harris O-714404

(iii) In the Air:
1 Fw-190 1st Lt. L. G. Long O-766579
1 " " " C. L. McAnrews O-823113
2 " 2nd Lt. B. J. Ruhl O-1995985
1 " " " C. G. Harris O-714404
1 Me-109 1st Lt. W. R. Lamb O-687381

(iv) 30 Plus Fw-190's and Me-109's

I. 3. (C) 2
4. (A) 10
11. (A) 3

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Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Leonard, took off at 0820 on a close support mission with "Adkin". 8 x 500 on train jut in tunnel at Q-990699. 1 hit W end of tunnel. 1 loco dest., tunnel damaged. 6 x 500 at Q-904734 on 60 boxcars - 10 boxcars destroyed. 5 boxcars damaged, 1 rail cut. 9 x 500 on loco with 25 RR cars in M/Y at R-245801, facing NW - 5 RR cars dest. 5 cars damaged, 1 loco damaged, 1 rail cut. 1 x 500 jet. vis. R-1075. Strafed at R-185915 - loco with 10 coaches outside tunnel - 1 loco damaged. Squadron engaged e/a at 14,000' vis R-1080 - a undetermined number of Fw-190's and Me-109's. T.O.T. 0850-1000, T.D. 1030. See Par H. for claims.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) Nil
(iv) 2 P-47's - e/a Me-109 or Fw-190's.
(v) to (vi) NIL
(viii) 10

C. NIL

D. (i) 34:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 8,000 " " "
(iii) 5,000 " " "

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F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 23 x 500 " " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. 2nd Lt. Wayne L. Holm 0-774157
" " Russell M. Martin 0-766601
Both MIA last seen in Vis. R-1080 (Probably Fw-190 or Me-109).

H. In the Air:
(i) 1 Me-109 1st Lt. F.T. Evans, Jr. 0-808666
1 " 2nd " Arden Williams 0-716274
1 " " " C. B. Meyer 0-710735
(ii) Nil
(iii) In the Air:
1 Fw-190 Maj. J. W. Leonard 0-24097
2nd Lt. R.H. Sanders 0-715006
1st Lt. C.L. McGonigle 0-680045
1 Fw-190 2nd Lt. Jack King 0-708691
" " Malcolm McLeod 0-710731
(iv) Undetermined No. Fw-190's and Me-109's.

I. 3. (A) 1
(C) 2
4. (A) 15
(C) 10
11. (A) 2
14. --- 1

Oprep A No. 63 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Kilgore, took off at 0850 on a close support mission and armed recce with "Elite". Sq. contacted "Elite" who gave no target. 8 x 500 on 40 boxcars at M-1401 - 8 boxcars damaged. 8 x 500 on 20 boxcars at M-1202 - 2 boxcars damaged, 1 rail cut. 8 x 500 on M/Y at M-3008, 4 trains (20-30 cars ea.) 1 loco damaged, 10 Cars dam. Weather was CAVU except for ground haze around Karlsruhe. Intense accurate heavy and light flak encountered at M-1401. T.O.T. 0945, T.D. 1030.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 25:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,996 " " "
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1; 4. (C) 20; 11 (A) 1 ; 14 --- 1

Oprep A No 64 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Wagner, took off at 1140 on a close support mission with "Adkin". Sq. contacted "Adkin" who turned Sq. over to "Adkin E" who assigned target of tanks and troops in rectangular wood at Q-6255 to be marked with white and green smoke. 20 x 500 dropped with 4 direct hits in smoke area, NRO. 2 x 500 jet. safe in lake at Q-4012, 2 x 500 jet safe in wood at Z-8895. 4 inline single engine A/C with white and black stripes from nose to cockpit, no other markings on fuselauge, were observed. A/C made pass at cover flight from sun at 15,000', approached within 1000' and broke off into the sun in the area of Sarreguemines. Weather was CAVU. Weak inaccurate heavyflak encountered at Q-5957, and over Zweibrucken - intense inaccurate light. T.O.T. 1240, T.D. 1335.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 14 "
(iii) (a), (b) and (d) NIL; (c) 2 1-Bomb Release mechanism-faulty electric release. 1-Armament-Fins came off bombs on T.O.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 14

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 30:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 32,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,280 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 20 x 500 " "
(iii) 4 x 500 " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 65 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 1145 on a close support show with "Elite". Sq. contacted "Elite" who sent Sq. to Q-7938 to look for tank concentration. Saw no activity, so "Horsefly" took Sq. to Q-7544 to bomb tanks in woods at road block. 8 x 500 dropped - 2 road blocks destroyed, no other results observed in woods. "Elite" then told Sq. to discontinue bombing as troops might be friendly. 14 x 500 dropped at Q-749460 on 10 tanks and 5 trucks moving SW - 1 tank dest, 1 truck dest. Sq strafed at Q-755475 - 2 trucks dest; at Q-745463 - 1 truck dest.; at Q-749460 - 1 open topped whole track armored vehicle dest., 5 armored vehicles damaged. All enemy trucks and tanks reversed direction and headed toward Bitche. 1 flight was bounced by 2 Me-109's at Q- 790420 and 1 was damaged while breaking away. Weather for mission was CAVU. Moderate inaccurate heavy and light flak encountered at Q-749460. T.O.T. 1205-1330, T.D. 1350.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 P-47 e/a (Me-109)
(v) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. NIL

D. (i) 20:50 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 7,500 " " "
(iii) 2,500 " " ,"

F. (i) 22 x 500 RDX Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. 2nd Lt. Robert M. Gamble, O-774107, MIA due to Me-109 last seen 8 miles SW of Neustadt chasing 1 Me-109.

H. (i) and (ii) NIL
(iii) In the Air:
1 Me-109 Capt. L.E. Wheeler O-667764
2nd Lt. R.M. Gamble O-774107
(iv) 2 Me-109's

I. 1. (A) 4
2. (A) 2
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Oprep A No. 66 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Daniels, took off at 1120 on a close support mission with "Adkin". Sq. contacted "Adkin" who directed Sq. to M/T going W into Bitche. Sq. recced area and found no M/T, "Adkin" then directed attack on Reverville Q-7548 - troops and M/T. 23 x 500 dropped on the town. 3 bldgs. destroyed, 10 bldgs. damaged. 1 x 500 jet safe in woods near Y-1 "D" channel was cluttered up. Meager inaccurate light flak encountered at Q-7548; at Homberg - believe moderate, rocet flak at B-17's. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1145-1235, T.D. 1310.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:25 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,480 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 1x100 WP Instant.
(ii) 23x500 " " " " " 1x100 " "
(iii) 1x500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 9 (A) 3
(C) 10
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Oprep A No. 67 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Maj. Wright, took off at 1442 on a close support mission with "Elite". Sq. contacted "Elite", then "Horsefly" who gave target of two stationary Mark VI tanks at Q-775428. 8 x 500 dropped with no hits, tank strafed. 2 Mark VI tanks dam. 16 x 500 on 6 Mark VI Stationary at Q-750812 - 1 Mark VI tank destroyed., 3 Mark VI tanks damaged. Weather was Cavu. T.O.T. 1500-1625, T.D. 1651.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL

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C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 27:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,200 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 2 (A) 1
(C) 5

Oprep A No. 68 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 68 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1455 on a close support mission with "Adkin" in the area of Sarreguemines. Sq. contacted "Adkin" who assigned town of Bebelsheim at Q-581630. 18 x 500 on town, NRO. Sq. strafed woods at Q-590620 at request of "Adkin", NRO other than much small arms fire. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Q-6064. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1525-1625, T.D. 1645.

B. (i) 9 P-47's
(ii) 9 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 9

C. NIL

D. (i) 16:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,320 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. Instant; 2 x 500 RDX Instant.
(ii) 16 x 500 " " 2 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G., H., and I. NIL

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Oprep A No. 69 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 January 1945.
Mission Or Operation No. 53 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster, took off at 1415 on a close support mission with "Adkin" in the Bitche area. Sq. could not contact "Adkin" long enough to get target. Sq. attacked tank concentration at Q-7544 - prebriefed target. 22 x 500 in area, NRO. 2 x 500 jet. safe at Q-3022. Weather for mission was CAVU. T.O.T. 1435-1520, T.D. 1555.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Bomb release mechanism-Mechanical release failed.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 24:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 888 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 549

1. No. Off 17 - B26 Time Up 1140 Time Down 15-1450/1500 Total Hours 67:45

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64th F. W. - 10-15 P47's.

3. Weather: Clear - - Visibility 10 miles in light haze.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(runaway prop).		
1 - B26	ENG(loss of power R. engine).	1 - B26	RACK MALFUNCTION

5. Target: (1) THALEISCHWILER AMMO DUMP (W) Q-889737, GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Ammo Dump-(W)Q-889737, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2-Center.	ANNWEILER(R-1867), GERMANY.	1333	14	11,000'/ 11,800'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 3 flights in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 290 degrees with right break. - Slight to moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 197 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 27 (2) -- (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "The tagret was not hit. The bombs fell NE and SW of the target. THe main road was temporarily blocked SW of the target. Several buildings were also hit in this area. The remainder of bombs fell in an open field." - - - - Pictures were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	136	105	--	--	--	-----	16(ENG).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	7	RACK MALFUNCTION	TARGET AREA.
500# GP	6	RACK MALFUNCTION	LAKE S. OF DIJON, FRANCE.
500# GP	2	RACK MALFUNCTION	LAKE AT 0-182990

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	42, 903	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
GP	INACCURATE	SCANT	(W)R-1062 AREA.
TRACKING TYPE	INACCURATE	SCANT	KAPSWEYER AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	-------

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
One A/C returned damaged (Cat. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ---------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
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Group Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Jan. 1945 Mission No. 550

23-1515/1550

1. No. Off 24 - B26 Time Up 1140 Time Down ____ Total Hours 112:15

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH F. W. - 10-15 P47's.

3. Weather: Clear - - Visibility 10 miles in light haze.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(low oil pressure R. engine).	NONE	- - - - - -

5. Target: (1) THALEISCHWEILER BARRACKS AREA (W)Q-908738, GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Barracks Area-(W)Q-908738, GSGS 4416, Sheet U-2-Center.	Annweiler(R-1867), GERMANY.	1336	23	10,000'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 flights in BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 290 degrees with right break. - Slight to moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 201 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 26 sec. (2) - - (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "At least two-thirds of the 51 barracks buildings were destroyed or damaged. Hits were scored throughout the northern two-thirds of the barracks area. The RR line running North and West out of the junction near the barracks were cut in several places temporarily blocking the lines. The results of dive bombing can be seen in the M/Y S. of the target where several units of rolling stock have been destroyed and the tracks torn up." - - - - Pictures were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
250# GP	.1 X .025	336	322	--	--	--	-----	14(ENG).

Explosives Jettisoned NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	63,960	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SLANT	LANDAU AREA

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	--------

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
One A/C returned damaged (Cat. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ----------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp Squadrons 442nd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Jan 19 45 Mission No. 466

1. No. Off 19 B-26's Time Up 10:52 Time Down 14:28 Total Hours 56:50
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Spare	None	

5. Target: (1) NUNNSCHWILER, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Supply Dump (W)Q-836682	Wilgnrtswisen (W)R-1068	12:46	18 B-26's	11,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 9 ship squadrons javelin down. Bomb Run - Bombed in route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadrih. Axis of Attack - 272°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 Seconds

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 96

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

First phase photo interpretation - The second squadron had good concentration on the target bombs of the first squadron landed (W) Q-807679.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A	C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1.025	152	143				None	9

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	38,300	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	Accurate	Moderate	B-0767

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
2 B-26's (CatI)	Flak	None

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

W. T. Corbin, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
Signature
For ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Jan 19 45 Mission No. 467

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 10:40 Time Down 14:04 Total Hours 10:02
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	Bombardier Error

5. Target: (1) NUNNSCHWILLER, GERMANY (2) (3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Gun Position (W) Q-912717	Wilgnrtswdsen (W) R-1068	12:45	1 B-26	11,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3 9 ship squadrons. 3 A/C broke off at IP to bomb gun position.(W) Q-912717 Bomb Run - Attack in route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of lead ship. Axis of Attack - 86°T. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 30 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

First phase photo interpretation - Target missed. Bombs landed West of the target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
100#Gp	.025	90	30				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
100#GP	60	Bombardier error	Target area

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	6,600	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	Accurate	Moderate	R-0767

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
2 B-26's (Cat I)	Flak	None

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

W. L. Korbin, Jr. 1st Lt A.C.
Signature

FOR ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Jan 19 45 Mission No. 468

1. No. Off 24 B-26's Time Up 10:40 Time Down 14:04 Total Hours 122:28
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
None		None	

5. Target: (1) MUNNSCHWILLER, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Supply Dump (W)(Q-84-2686	Wilgnrtswisen (W) R-1068	12:45	9 B-26's	12,000
(2)	OOS Barracks (W) R-336206	Buschwiller (W) R-0918	13:45	15 B-26's	11,000
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 9 ship squadrons javelin down. Bomb Run - Attack in route formation. Bombing Procedure. - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 281°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 30 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 97

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

First phase photo interpretation - Excellent concentration of bombs on the target.

OOS Barracks - Good concentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
100#GP	Inst.025	720	674				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
100#GP	46	Hung up	Target Area.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	88,125	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	Inaccurate	Moderate	R-0767

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref:Oprep 'A' No. 78 for 24 hours ending sunset, 2 January, '45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3585.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0830-0950. To recce Bitche-Zweibrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 60-70 boxcars in M/Y at Q-7364. 60 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-7365. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVR AREA: 0900-0920. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche-Zweibrucken. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 2 hrs 40 mins. F. Nil
G. Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 3586.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0840-1025. To recce Karlsryhe-Bruchsal-Heidelberg-Mannheim-Darmstadt-Frankfurt area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg.west intoKarlsruhe. 7 locomotives with steam up and 100 plus cars in M/Y at Karlsruhe. 5 locomotives with steam up and 50 plus boxcars in M/Ys at Bruchsal. 1 train with 30 plus cars mvg. north into Bruchsal. 8 locomotives wi with steam up add200 plus RR cars in M/Y at Heidelberg. 1 locomotives pushing 10 plus boxcars east out of Heidelberg. 1 train wth 25 boxcars mvg. east at R-6095. Mannheim covered by smoke from smoke pots. 50 boxcars on sidig at M-6706. 4 trains at M-9115. 50 boxcars along track at M-6616. 1 train with 10-15 boxcars mvg. north at M-6535. 8 locomotives with steam up and 200 plus RR cars in M/Y at Darmstadt. 1 train with 25 cars mvg. north at M-6657. 1 locomotive mvg. south at M-6657. 3 locomotives with steam up and 100 cars in M/Y at Frankfurt. 1 train with 30 cars mvg. south M-6567. 1 train with 20-25 cars mvg. east at M-6366. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg. west at M-6268. 1 train wit 20 boxcars mvg.west M-4556. 1 2 large barges and 35 small boats stationary in Rhine at M-4354. ENEMY AIR: At 0955 hrs. flight was flyig south at 9000' at M-4354, intercepted by 15 ME-109's flying SW at 8000'. Flight hit the deck and outran ME's, and returned to base. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0900-1005. WEATHER: CAVU with slight haze.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe-Mannheim. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 3587.

A.2 F 6 C's from 0850-1015. To recce Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-L-6215-Q-8891-Homburg-Q-5997-Bitche. OBSERVATIONS: Factor ies inSaarbrucken over to Saarlautern putting out a lot of smoke and hampering visibility. 1 locomotive with steam up stationary facing NE Q-3690. Fighter bombers hitting M/Y at L-7505. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVERAREA: 0910-1000. WEATHER: CAVU, haze.
B. 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken- Bitche.(iii)-(vii)Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 2 hrs. 50 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3588.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0930-1130. To recce Bitche-Saarbrucken-Kaiserslautern-Q-9554. OBSERVATIONS: 6tanks mvg. south at Q-7648. 20 plus MT with possibly 3 tanks, stationary facing NW at Q-943365. 10 plus MT stationary facinnorth at Q-955546. 3 MT and 2 M/C mvg west at Q-940543.5 MT and 3 tanks mvg. north into Pirmasens at Q-905643. 2 MT mvg. SE out ofBitche.3 MT mvg. NE from Saarbrucken. 35 boxcars and red cross cars stationary at Q-6584. 2 trains stationary facing south, 1 with35cars, the other with 25, appeared to have loaded on flat cars with several boxcars at Q-7895. 1 train stationary facing east with 25 boxcars at at Q-8691. 2 MT mvg. NE out of Kaiserslauterm. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-9583. ENEM AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate from convoy at Q-9463. Light-moderate-inaccurate Q-9554. Light-scant-inaccurate at Bitche. Light-scant-inaccurat at Pirmasens. PHOTOS: 44 RR cars on south bound track, no l comotive, no MT identifie at Q-775918. 42 RR cars on south boundtrackpartly in tunnel entrance which is intact at Q-774914. 6 plus tanks headed south from Bitche--appear to be enemy at Q-747467.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 09451115. WEATHER: CAVU with haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche-Q-9554. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for(ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3589.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1100-1215. To recce and photo in Saarbrucken-Saarlautern L-5711-Kaiserslautern-L-6000-area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 locomotive with steam up and 30 boxcars stationary facing NE at Q-4775, and 50 plus boxcars scattered in M/Y. 1 locomotive with steam up facing south at Q-4373. 1 MT mvg. west out of Saarbrucken. 1 locomotive with steam up at Q-8791 with 6- plus boxcars. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: M/Y at Dudweiler: 225 RR cars, mostly boxcars, including 20 passenger car intact at Q-497774. Bunkers and fire trenches, militry barracks and fire trenches all in same general area, also 4 gun AA battery (Three each) (L) unoccupied. M/Y at Homburg: 475 plus RR cars in M/Y, fairly intact, many tracks still blocked, many cars derailed and destroyed..repairs under way on main lines. Tracks out to north..and turn tables idle. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1200. WEATHER: CAVU with smoke B.(i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-L-6000. (iii)-(vii)Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii)
D. 2 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3590.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1115-1215. To recce Karlsruhe area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to enemy air. ENEMY AIR: At Karlsruhe at 1145 hrs flight observed 2 ME-109's circling at 1000'. Flight was flying at 9000', dived at ME's, then observed 2 other ME-109's. Tac R. pilot fired at plane in tail position, observed hits on fuselage and left wing. Tac R. pilot broke off to the rightand weaver fired a burst at the ME. . Tac. R. pilot's plane was hit by 20mm shell in left wing. Explosion resulted in engine of plane, engine starting to run very rough, so Tac. R. pilot safely crashed landed at Luneville. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1135-1155. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i)2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe.(iii) Engine trouble.(iv)-(vi) Nil. (vii) 1 F6 C damaged by 20mm--will not return to squadron.(vii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. (ii)080 (Combat (iii) 1100.
D. 2 hrs. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H.(ii) 1 ME-109 probably destroyed.

OPERATIONS NO. 3591.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1230-1310. To recce Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: Fighter bombers straffing and bombing in the vicinity just west of Bitche. Flight returned to base due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR:Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS:Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1245-1255. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche(iii)(c)Mechanical trouble. (iv)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2 .
C, Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 1 hr 20 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3592.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1340-1535. To recce and photo in Karlsruhe-Frankfurt-Mainz area. OBSERVATIONS: 50 barges in Rhine river at Mainz. 30 barges and 3 tugs at town and the other 20 were SW of the town. 2 tugs each towing 4 barges to NW. 1 MT mvg. north into Durlach, 1 MT with trailer mvg. south out of Durlach. 1 locomotive mvg. south into Karlsruhe with 10 boxcars. 1 locomotive with steam up stationary facing south in Bruchsal M/Y. About 50 plus RR cars in Bruchsal M/Y. 1 train with 2 flat cars loadedmvg. south at R-6772. 1 MT mvg. north on Autobahn. at R-6470. 3 locomotives with steam upHeidelberg M/Y and 100 plus RR cars in yards. 1 locomotive with steam up facing south at R-6396. 1 MT mvG. east into town at M-6806. 1 train with 10 boxcars stationary facing south with steam up at M-6707. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. south at M-6612. 1 train with 15 cars mvg. south out of Darmstadt. 200 plus RR cars in M/Y just north of Darmstadt at M-6744. 1 train with 15 boxcars mvg. south at M-6647. 1 MT mvg.east at M-6454. 5 locomotives with steam up in M/Y at Frankfurt. 300 plus RR cars, mostly boxcars, in M/Y at M-6368. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg. east at M-5867. All bridges at Mainz intact. Both bridges at Worms intact. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. NE into Ludwigshafen. 8 barges in Rhine river at Speyer, 2 being towed by tugs to north at R-5478. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Germersheim. PHOTOS: Dumpsat M-6436: Large supply dump in forest. 100 plus supply bldgs. Dumps are active. 53 barges in river at M-396551. 5 barges 4 of which are docked at M-383570. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA

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OPERATIONS NO. 3592 (Cont'd.)

A. (Cont'd.) 1400-1520. WEATHER: CAVU with slight haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C&s.(ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe-Mainz.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 50 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3593.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1345-1530. To recce Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-Neunkirchen-L- 6618-Q-8891-Homburg. OBSERVATIONS: 40-50 boxcars on siding at Q-4968. 100 plus RR cars in M/Y at Saarbrucken. 150 plus RR cars in M/Y at Homburg. 135 RR cars in M/Y at Q-3936. 30 boxcars extending from north of tunnel at L-5804. 4-5 MT stationary in town at Q-4798. 1 train stationary with 20 cars , last 3 cars were flat cars and appeared to be loaded facing north at Q-6086. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA:1400-1515.
WEATHER: CAVUwith slight haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Hom urg.(iii)-(vii)Nil(viii
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). 2.
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3594.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1420-1550. To recce Q-8450-Kaisdrslautern-Homburg-Zweibrucken-area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 large MT mvg. east at Q-8450. 2 small MT and 1 large MT mvg. east at Q-8851. 1 MT mvg. east. at R-0153. 30 boxcars along RR at R-0861. 1 MT mvg. east at Q-9863.2 MT mvg east at Q-9563. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-8970. 50-75 boxcars in M/Y at Q-8874. 1 MT mvg. east at Q-9265. 1 MT mvg. R-0254. 3 MT mvg. east at Q-9654. 8-10 MT stationary off on both sides of road at Q-8951. 1 MT mvg. east at Q-8950. 100 boxcars in M/Y at Zweibrucken. 50 boxcars in M/Y at Homburg. 30 RR cars, 1/2 empty boxcars on siding at Q-8891. Much smoke and fire in M/Y at Kaiserslautern. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1435-1535.
WEATHER: CAVU with slight ground haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2 attacking Q-8450-Zweibrucken.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii) 260(Test) (iii) Nil. 2.
D. 3 hrs. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3595.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1445-1625. To recce Saarbrucken-Merzig-L-5511-Kaiserslautern-Homburg-Bitche. OBSERVATIONS: 6 MT mvg. south L-5905, scattered with white tops. M/Y at Q-5997 is about half filled. 8 small MT mvg. south at L-8004. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK:Light-intense-inaccurate at Q-7583. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA:1500-1610. WEATHER: CAVU with 5 mile visibility in haze.
B. (i) 2 F6C's.(ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche.(iii)-(vii) Nil.(viii)
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii). 2.
D. 3 hrs 20 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONA NO. 3596.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1545-1715. To recce Bitche-Pirmasens-R-1567 area. OBSERVATIONS: 6 tanks stationary facing west at Q-985663. 15 plus MT some may be tanks and 50 plus troops in streets at Petit Rederching. Pilot flying low receiverd intense small arms fire. 3 tanks mvg. west at Q-825469. 3 tanks mvg. west at Q-746493...1710 hrs. 2 horse-drawn transports mvg. east into Bitche. 3 MT mvg. SE from Bitche scattered 2 MT stationary facing west snow covered at Q-9668. 4 MT scattered Mvg. east from R-0566-R-1567. 4-5 MT mvg. SW at Q-915465. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant/intense-inaccurate at Bitche. Light-scant-inaccurate at Pirmasens. Very intense small arms fire inaccurate at Q-6871.. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1600-1700. WEATHER: CAVU with slight haze.
B. (i) 2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Bitche-R-1567.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

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APO 374 US ARMY

2 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force(Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 109 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 2 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 263

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0800-1000. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Kaiserlautern 1/2 full, NMS. Train, R0293, steam up, STAT, facing E. 1 Loco M2213, South. Train, 5 cars, North at M3628. Train 20-25 cars North at M4252. Train 25 cars N at M3638. M/Y Mainz, 8 locos working. Smoke covering river from Mainz to M4448. Train 40 cars W into Bad Kreanzroch. M/Y Kirn 1/4 full, 2 locos working. Train 40 cars E off bridge at M4055. 2 locos coupled together moving E into Mainz. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK:Nil PHOTOS:Nil RADIO-CONTACT:Good TIME OVER AREA: 0815-0945. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attcaking Area "D".(iii)-(vii)Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) and (iii) Nil
D. 4:00 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 264

A. 2 F6C's from 0900-1010. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR ENEMY AIR: 1 ME-109 attacked flight 3 miles W of Karlsruhe. E/A flying S at 6000' and flight flying NE at 6000' at 0940. ME-109 was black with white stripe 9"-1" wide around fuselage behind cockpit. ME-109 was shot down by both pilots. Pilot of ME-109 though aggressive, showed definite lack of experience and good judgement. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0930-0945. WEATHER:CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 2400 rds.50 cal. (ii)420 rds. (iii) Nil
D. 2:20 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. 1 ME-109 DES.

OPERATIONS NO. 265

A. 2 F6C's from 1000-1225. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Neukirchen M/Y 1/2 full box-cars. No activity A/F L8722, field serviceable, (NON) 1 loco steam up moving South at M1038. No observations vicinity Mainz, due to weather 10/10 at 3000'. Light scattered traffic BW M6478-M6998. A/F at G9103 serviceable, destroyed A/C on field. 1 train, 15 box-cars moving North at M9065. M/Y 1/2 full at N0254. Mannheim M/Y 1/4 full, 1 Diesel loco moving S at R5596. ENEMY AIR: 1 ME-109at 2000' moving North at L6230. No encounter. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1020-1200. WEATHER: 5/10 at 2000' on deck.
B. (i) 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attcaking Area "D". (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) and (iii) Nil
D. 4:50 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 266

A. 2 F6D's from 1030-1200. To recce in Area "F".OBSERVATIONS: No activity on Rhine from Karlsruhe -Strassburg. 1 train, 45 box-cars moving East R5845. R9241 3 locos steam up. 1 train, 3 cars moving East at S0242. 2 locos joined together moving East from Sachsenheim. 1 train 10 box-cars moving North at S0437. 1 train 10 box-cars moving North at S0346. 1 train 20 box-cars moving East at S0262. 2 locos steam up at R9762. Factory smoke at Heilbrown. Factory smoke at S0867. 1 train 20 cars moving East at R7788. 1 train 25 box-cars moving South at R6880. 4 locos steam up at Bruchsal.

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OPERATIONS NO. 266 Continued

ENEMY AIR:Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT:Good TIME OVER AREA: 1105-1135. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii) and (iii) Nil
D. 3:00 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 267

A. 2 F6D's from 1100-1230. To recce in Area "G". OBSERVATIONS:RR Bridge at Breisach serviceable. Pontoon bridge at Breisach dismantled. Light scattered M/T all directions vicinity Colmar. ENEMY AI R: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1215 WEATHER: CAVU 10/10 at 3-4000 South Mulhouse.
B. (i) 2 F6D's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "G". (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 4200 rds .50 cal (ii) 180 rds. (iii) Nil
D. 3:00 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 268

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1130-1315. To recce and photo in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: No rail activity South of Landau. 1 train, 12 passenger cars, steam up, STAT facing South at R2868. 1 train 25 box cars, STAT, steam up, facing South at R2868. 1 train, 12 cars, STAT, steam up, facing W at R3470. 60 box-cars on sidings in woods, 3 large buildings adjacent at R3470. Light scattered M/T BW Landau Speyer. NMS-Landau-Neustadt. 2 trains, 20 box cars, each steam up, facing West at Neustad t. M/Y Neustadt 1/4 full box cars. A/F R3483 believed serviceable no activity. No rail activity between Ludwigshaven -R3950. Many entrenchments vicinity R3565. Many entrenchments vicinity R3454. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: V-entrenchments-R3565,3000',180°, 1245. V-train and buildings, R3470, 5000', 270°, 1250. RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA:1145-1250. WEATHER:CAVU.
B. (i) 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) 440 rds. (iii) Nil
D. 3:30 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 269

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1130-1315. To recce in Area D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Worms 1/2 full, 2 trains, 20-30- cars moving S and 1 train 10-15 cars moving W. 3-5 barrage balloons, 1500 feet over Worms. NMS Worms to Mainz. RR Bridge serviceable at M1553. Column of black smoke to 3000 feet over Bad Krenznach. A/D at M2410 serviceable, but no A/C or activity seen. 2 B-26's seento godown smoking in vicinity of Landau, no chutes seen. ENEMY AIR: 3 ME-109 headed NE 3 miles E of Worms 10000 feet, 1230. No encounter. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1235. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (ii)-(iii) Nil
C. Nil E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
D. 3:30 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 270

A. 2 F6B's from 1200-1315. To recce and photo in Area "R4250-R0398-R1714-R0905." OBSERVATIONS: 10 scattered silver balls 1-3 feet in diameter 6000 feet to 10000 feet, Saarburg area. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK : Nil PHOTOS: 160 Obliques R.River, R4250-R0398, 3500,225°, 1230. 40 Obliques, R. River, R1714-R0905, 3500',230°, 1245. RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1220-1250. WEATHER:Mod. haze.
B. (i) 2 F6B's (ii) 2 attacking Area. (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
D. 2:30 hrs. F. Nil
G. Nil H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 271

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1330-1440. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Snow on plain filled with tracks in general vicinity of Q8173. M/Y Zweibruchen, empty, NMS. 1 White M/T moving S at R1191. M/Y Landau 2/3 full of box-cars, 3 locos, STAT, steam up. NMS Landau, Wissenbourg. 3 M/T moving S at R0754. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-M-H-H R2752,R0951. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1420. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area " A" (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2:20 hrs.
G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) and (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 272

A. 2 F6D's from 1400-1545. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Bad Kreuznach burning with at least 10 separate fires. M/Y Homburg 1/3 full, NMS. NMS Homburg Landstuld. M/Y Landstuld 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y's Kaiserlautern bombed recently, no rail cuts seen. NMS M/Y Kaiserlautern. NMS Kaiserlautern to Lauterecker. M/Y Lauterecker 1/3 full, NMS. Smoke from fires in Bad Kreuznach covered area Bad Kreuznach, Maiz, Oppenheim. 20 box-cars on siding at M0730. RR junction M1108 knocked out by P-47's by one direct hit. Rail cut at M1509. 100 plus box-cars on siding at M2215. 50 plus box-cars at Q8595. 125 box-cars at L8006. ENEMYAIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H Saarbruchen, M-I-H Bleiskastel., M-I-H Homburg, M-I-H St. Ingbert. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1550. WEATHER: 10/10 O/C moving in SW of Wiesbaden. Otherwise CAVU. Moderate haze.
B. (i) 2 F6D's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "D" (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:30 hrs.
G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS N). 273

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6D from 1400-1545. To recce and photo in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: 4 tanks on 4 flat cars at R6240. Pforzheim covered by smoke pots. 1 train 30 box-cars moving S from Heilbron. 50 box-cars on main rail Heilbron. 1 train 50 box-cars moving North-West R6757, 1 loco moving South R6757. 7 loco STAT facing North at R7981. Approximately 200 bomb craters vicinity R8698. 1 wooden ship 200 feet long moving North at R9687. Buildings dispersed in woods at R9778, smoke from chimneys. 5 trains, 20 box-cars each STAT, steam up., facing both North and South at Heilbron M/Y M/Y 2/3 full. 25 box-cars at R5454. 6 locos, steam up, M/Y Karlsruhe, M/Y 1/4 full. 1 shuttle loco at R4341. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: V--Q8037, 6000', 90°, 1430, V (train) -R6757 , 6000', 270°, 1450, V (Bldgs) R97 78, 8000', 270°, 1515. RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1435-1530. WEATHER: Vis. Unlim. slight ground haze, 2/10 cirrus stratus.
B. (i) 1 F6B and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (ii)-(iii) Nil
C. Nil
D. 3:30 hrs.
G. Nil
E. 3300 rds. 50 cal (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 274

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 1455-1625. To recce in Area "G". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at V6518 completely empty. Large camp with at least 100 barracks at V6811. NMS or signs of activity. Military camp with 100 plus barracks at V6413, NMS and no signs of activity. 1 loco moving Sin Offenburg. Fires in town at V6347. M/Y Mulhausen 1/6 full NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: good. WEATHER: No ceiling. -Visibility 15 miles.
B. (i) 1 F6B and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area G" . (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:00
G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 54A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION A6 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep [illegible] No: 277 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 January. 1945.

MISSION U.S. - 34/3268 (34)

A. 1 P-5E, from 1245A to 1400A. To photo target: Towns of Eislingen and Goppingen and RR/L connecting the Towns., RR/B at Aulendorf, Strip from WC-3096 to M-4502 to M-4804 to C-8397, RR/B on line from Lindau to Bregenz, Singen Rail Bridge,. OPPOSITION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil ENEMY: Towns of Eislingen S-4512 and Goppingen S-4013 and RR/L connecting the towns., RR/B on line from Lindau WC-4685 to Bregenz WC-505800, Singen Rail Bridge, M-825068. RADIO CONTACT: Good. CLOUD OVER AREA: 1030A to 1415A. WEATHER: Medium haze in target area - Lake Constance Area covered with strato - cumulus. Mission partially successful. (Hans P. Siek, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Towns of Eislingen S-4512 and Goppingen S-4013 and RR/L connecting the Towns. RR/B at Aulendorf, Strip from: WC-3096 to M-4502, to M-4804 C-8397, RR/B on line from Lindau WC-4685 to Bregenz WC-505800, Singen Rail Bridge - M-825068. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil

D. 1 hr 15 minutes G. Nil

E. Nil H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: H. Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep WM No: 277 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3269 (25)

A. 1 P-5B, from 1105A to 1225A. To photo target: Block Coverage from: Q-3083 to R-4654 to R-3638 to P-1447 to R-0040 to Q-7540 to 6550 to 3072. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/P: Nil ENEMY FLAK: North of Saarbrucken five (5) miles - one (1) burst of phosphorous flak. PHOTOS: Block Coverage from Q-3083 to P-4654 to R-3638 to P-1447, to R-0040 to Q-754- to 6550 to 3072. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1130A to 1200A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze. Mission successful. (Lawton C. McClothlin, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage from Q-3083 to R-4654 to R-3638 to P-1447 to R-0040 to Q-7540 to 6550 to 3072. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprey "AN" No: 277 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3270 (26)

A. 1 P-5E, from 1130A to 1325A. To photo target: Block Coverage from : Q-8085 to R-4654 to R-3638 to R-1447 to R-0040 to Q-7540 to Q-6550 to Q-3072, dumps at : Q-897658, Q-834718. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage from: Q-8085 to R-4654 to R-3638 to R-1447 to R-0040 to Q-7540 to Q-6550 to Q-3072. Dumps at Q-897658 , Q-834718. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1155A to 1245A WEATHER: CAVU in target area - very slight haze. Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-8085 to R-4654 to R-3638, to R-1447, to R-0040 to Q-7540 Q-6550 to Q-3072. Dumps at Q-897658, Q-834718.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 55 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 340th PHOTO RON, Sq., APO 674 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 277 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3875 (29)

A. 1 P-5E, from 1110A to 1245A. To photo target: Block Coverage: F-3088 to F-4654 to F-3638, to F-1447, to F-0040 to G-7540 to G-3550 to G-3072. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage from : G-3088 to F-4654 to F-3638 to F-1447 to F-0040 to G-7540 to G-3550 to G-3072. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 2 1120A to 1140A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Alan W. Willard, Jr., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) 1 P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage from: F-3088 to F-4654 to F-3638 to F-1447 to F-0040 to G-7540 to G-3550 to G-3072. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 35 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION A2 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 277 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 January 1945

MISSION U.S. 34/3274 : (SO)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1105A to 1250A. To photo target: Block Coverage from: Q-3083 to P-4654 to P-3638 to P-1447 to P-0040 to Q-7540 to Q-8550 to Q-8072. OBSERVATIONS: Kaiserlautern appeared to be a solid mass of flame and smoke/ visible from long distance. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: fifteen (15) bursts of accurate flak five (5) miles E of Saarbrucken. Intense flak in whole area from Karlsruhe to Saarlutern - directed at friendly bombers. PHOTOS: Block Coverage from: Q-3083 to P-4654 to P-3638 to P-1447 to P-0040 to Q-7540 to Q-8550 to Q-8072. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1125A to 1215A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze
Mission successful. (James D. McCommon, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 at seeking target: Block Coverage: Q-3083 to P-4654 to P-3638 to P-1447 to P-0040 to Q-7540 to Q-8550 to Q-8072. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil
(v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 25 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 674 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 477 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 January 1945

MISSION No. - 84/3275 (SS)

A. 1 P-38, from 1350A to 1530A. To photo target: Barracks at P-386206, Town and Fuel Stores at P-387213, Dumps at P-357698, P-249047, P-229047, P-199987, Radar Location at: WP-3206 to WP-4005 - WP-3691 to WP-2692. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Barracks P-386206, Town and fuel stores P-387213, Dumps at: P-357698, P-199987 P-249027, Radar Location WP-3206, to WP-4005 to WP-3691 to WP-2692. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER APEA: 1420A to 1500A. WEATHER: Medium haze in target area. Mission Successful. (James P. Brakes, Capt.)

B. (i) P-38. (ii) 1 attacking target: Barracks at P-386206, Town and Fuel Stores at P-387213, Dumps at P-357698, P-249047, P-229047, P-199987, Radar Location at WP-3206 to WP-4005 - WP-3691 to WP-2692. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 40 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov.), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

REF: 1/2/44 SECRET

OPREP No. 506 for 24 hours ending Sunset, January 2, 1944.

A. Ten Beaufighters on GCI Patrol in Bitche - Saverne area. One patrol returned early due to engine trouble. Two returned early due to R/T trouble. Two returned early with AI trouble. Vectored onto four bogeys during the night, one disappeared from GCI scope, one proved friendly. AI contact on one bogey which was lost when it dove to deck. One bogey could not be overtaken by Beaufighter.

B. (i) Ten Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Five Beaufighters.
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) Five
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Ten

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 15:00

E. (i) 18,000 x 20 MM
48,000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
8 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 241.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 241 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 January 1945.
Operational Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1115 hours, 5 January 1945, Capt. Reese leading, 10 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x500 lb. bombs on 2 locomotives each having 20 box cars headed NE at Q-8289. Bombing results were very poor. No hits were scored, no results observed. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-8289. Time down at A-96, 1307 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1151 hours, 5 January 1945, Lt. Rathbone leading. 12 P47D's took off, 4 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs at R-034675. 2 railcuts were scored, 20 box cars destroyed, 15 box cars damaged, 1 road block. Squadron strafed a truck convoy at R-105677 destroying 1 M/T. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1400 hours. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned safe at V-5823.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1129 hours, 5 January 1945, Major Personnet leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs on a train at R-0493. 1 railcut was scored, 1 locomotive damaged, 5 MK cars damaged. 1 1/2 ton truck strafed and damaged at R-0894. Squadron strafed a motor convoy at R-1068 destroying 8 trucks and damaging 3 trucks. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1349 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1427 hours, 5 January 1945, Capt. Harding leading. 14 P47D's took off and aborted due to weather. 10/10 at 500 ft. Squadron jettisoned bombs (24 x 500 lb.) in a lake at Hemming. No flak encountered. Time down at Y-2, 1600 hours.

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HEAD QUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
5 January 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 5 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2538

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 0845 down at 1100 on dive bombing mission of tank concentration at Q-7276. T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 3000' with all bombs in area, results unobserved. Intense LAA and moderate HAA at Homburg, intense HAA at Q-4867. 3 planes damaged Cat #1, by flak. Weather 3/10ths at 14,000' in target area. 10/10ths south of Bitche to base at 7000'. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 264 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2539

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron up at 0930, down at 1125 on dive bombing mission of town of Altheim at Q-6964. T.O.T. 1036, bomb run to 500' with 12 hits in town, 2 E of target. Results unobserved. 1 A/C did not get off due to mechanical trouble. Intense accurate HAA at Altheim, scant LAA at target. Weather, CAVU at target, 10/10ths at 3000' E of Saarbourg to E. of Bitche. 3 planes damaged by flak, Cat #1. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 168 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2540

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 0935 down at 1125 on dive bombing mission of wooded area at Q-645600. T.O.T. 1045, bomb run to 3000' with all bombs in target area, 1 bomb damaging a tank parked near area. Intense LAA in target area. Weather CAVU at target, 10/10ths at 4000' E of Bitche. 1 plane crashed on take off. 1 pilot K.I.A.
Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 264 x 20 lb Frags.

Mission 2541

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 1245 down at 1430 on dive bombing mission of town of Stiring at Q-413670. T.O.T. 1345, bomb run to 1500' with all bombs in town, one of which caused a rail cut at Q-409672. 8 buildings destroyed, 8 buildings damaged. Scant HAA at Homburg. Weather, CAVU in target area, 10/10ths at 4500' to Strasbourg. 1 A/C damaged, Cat #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2542

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 1315 down at 1530 on dive bombing mission of town of Bitche. T.O.T. 1445, bomb run to 3000' with 20 hits in town, 2 on fort in center of town, results unobserved. 1 A/C jettisoned bombs at Q-2922. Moderate LAA from target area. Weather CAVU at target, 8/10ths from 1000' E of Bitche. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2543

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron up at 1320 down at 1550 on dive bombing mission of barges at R-113073 to R-139100. T.O.T. 1407, bomb run to 450' with 3 direct hits on 3 barges destroying all three. Rest of bombs scattered along E bank of river in woods near 128082. Scant LAA & HAA from R-1408, scant LAA from R-1109, moderate HAA at Bitche. Weather 10/10ts at 2000' from bomb line to Strasbourg, 10/10ths at 1500' over target. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 GP.

Note 4	B	(i)	59
		(ii)	56
		(iii)	c. 2
		(v)	1
		(vii)	7 Cat. #1
		(viii)	56
	C	(i)	1 75 gal.
		(ii)	1 75 gal.
Note 5	D	(i)	121:35
Note 6	E	(i)	118,000
		(ii)	22,510
Note 7	F	(i)	118 x 500 lb GP
			744 x 20 lb Frags
		(ii)	112 x 500 lb GP
			696 x 20 lb Frags
		(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP
		(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP
			24 x 20 lb Frags
			(Returned 2 x 500 and 24 x 20 to base)
Note 8	G		1 Pilot K.I.A.

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

EG/5

7 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 173 for the period ending Sunset 5 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A/C/ 15. Armed Recce Mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frag bomb, dispatched at 0940 hours to perform Armed Recce over route B. Followed route of Pirmasens-Kaiserlautern-Lauterechen-Bad Kreuznach-Neustadt-base. At Pirmasens, flak was heavy, intense and light, scant. At Landstuhl, flak was light, intense. Between Frankenthal and Ludwigshaven, observed from a distance, trucks were active. Between Kaiserlautern and Lauterechen, along track, separated by a 200 yard interval, groups of box cars were seen. Reported to Baggage about 1030 hours. Tracks did not appear active. One loco and 30 box cars, steam up, headed E., seen at M-2213. Three locos, steam up, and 50 box cars seen in M/Y at Budenheim, M-3259. Roundhouse active at Alzey. 8 x 500 # GP and 4 frags dropped on Landstuhl, Q-880905, on train headed E., including 15 boxcars and 15 flat cars. Claim 1 loco damaged, 6 cars destroyed with large explosion, 3 bldgs S. of track destroyed; light flak gun on truck, also the truck, damaged, south of M/y. 8 x 500 # GPs and 4 frags dropped at M-1910 on 1 loco and 20 box cars moving W. Tracks cut 3 places and locomotive and 20 cars damaged by strafing. At M-205115, a loco moving SW damaged by strafing. 8 x 500 # GP bombs and 4 frags dropped at R-3385 on locomotive and 40 box cars (no steam up) headed toward Neustadt. Claim 2 cars destroyed, 4 dam-

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aged, 1 rail cut. No E/A encountered: no further claims: 1 P-47 damaged, cat 3, landing (mechanical failure). T.O.T. 1020 to 1110 hours. Time down: 1150 hours. Weather: CAVU in area, S. of Neustadt, 10/10ths, tops 5000 ft.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
On Landstuhl, Q-880905, train headed E.
At M-1910, loco and 20 box cars moving W.
At R-3385, loco and 40 box cars, headed toward Neustadt.
Also strafed the following:-
Loco and 20 cars at M-1910.
At M-205115, loco moving SW.
12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 A/C damaged, Category 3, landing (mechanical failure).
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 28:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,690 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - nose,M103; tail,M101A2.
12 x 260 # Frag bombs, fused-nose,M103; tail,M100A2.
(ii) 24 x 500 # GPs and 12 x 260 # Frag bombs expended as follows:-
8 GPs and 4 Frags on Landstuhl, Q-880905.
8 GPs and 4 Frags on loco and 20 box cars at M-1910.
8 GPs and 4 Frags on loco and 40 box cars,at R-3385.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 1

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3. Locomotives,
   a) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars,
   a) Destroyed, 8
   c) Damaged, 24

6. Gun emplacements,
   c) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 3

11. Railroads cut, 4 places.

4.(2). Operation No.: A.O. 20 Close support.

A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron, ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs, and 1 x 260 # Frag, dispatched at 1335 on C/S. Squadron contacted "Elite" assigned pontoon bridge at R-136095. Couldn't find bridge waited 30 minutes no smoke. Dropped 12 frags and all GPs R-0703 on RR in town. NRO. Then "Baggage" recalled them to Y-1 because of weather. E/A nil. Flak: Gambsheim R-1110 intense, heavy and light. Town of Gambsheim was on fire. T.O.T. 1415-1458. Weather: 10/10, base 1000 feet, tops 2500, another layer base 7,000 feet, tops unknown. Time down 1530.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
   (ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on RR in town, at R-0703.
   (iii) Nil
   (iv) Nil
   (v) Nil
   (vi) Nil
   (vii) Nil
   (viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
   (ii) Nil

D. (i) 24:00
   (ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
   (ii) 5,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
   (iii) Nil

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F. (i) 24 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - nose,M103;tail,M101A2.
12 x 260 # Frag bombs, fused,nose,M103;tail,M100A2.
(ii) 24 x 500 # GP and 12 x 260 # Frag bombs expended as follows:-
Dropped bombs on RR in town, at R-0703.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I.. Nil.
Results were unobserved, because of weather.

4. (3). Operation No.: A.O. 16, 17, 18, and 19. Close support and Armed Recce Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frag bombs, dispatched at 0950 hours to perform close support and armed recce. Followed route of base to area to Zweibrucken to Saarguemines to target at Q-6458 to base. Flak was intense, heavy and light at Q-6465; intense, light at Q-6458, but there was extreme flak fire from whole target area, especially inside German border and around large towns. Contacted Elite, Horsefly, and Atkin; Atkin Charlie gave target. Observed scattered M/Ys along highways heading SW. No concentration. Observed train standing on tracks pointing East, 40 plus box cars, 2 miles E of Zweibrucken. M/Y at Q-6879 was seen to have 300 plus box cars. At Q-8078, fox holes were observed along the roads. The target was fairly well marked by red smoke in the woods. 16 x 500 # GP and 8 Frags dropped at Q-6458, but no results onserved. 2 x 500 # GPs and 1 Frag dropped on flak position at Q-8557, but again NRO. 1 A/C jettisoned its bombs (2 x 500 # GPs and 1 Frag, unarmed). at 1145 hrs at Q-0005; A/C hit by flak. Two more A/C, acting as escort jettisoned 4 GPs and 2 Frags at Q-4817, safe. T.O.T. 1020 to 1200 hours. No e/a encountered; no claims; 1 P-47 damaged, cat 3. flak. pilot safe. Time down: 1220 hours. Weather: target area: 10/10ths, tops 4,000, bottoms 1,000 along Rhine valley, CAVU, Saarguemines.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frag bombs, dispatched at 1002 hours to perform close support and armed recce in areas of Bouxviller, Zweibrucken, Kandel, Landau, Neustadt, Enkenbach, Kircheim, Alzey, Bad Kreuznach,

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Lauterecken, Kaiserlautern, Pirmasens. Followed route of base to Biche to Bouxviller to target (Q-8345) and returned. Flak was intense, accurate light at Q-8345 and Q-8743. Observations: about 6 MT moving E on roads out of Biche 1130 hours. 4 MT and 2 HDV seen at Mouterhouse at 1145 hours, Q-7942. Elite turned squadron over to Hosefly who led squadron to enemy troops, MT, HDV, and armored vehicles moving S at Q-835435 at 1145 hours, 18 GPs and 6 Frags dropped on this target. Road and area were well strafed by repeated attacks. Claim 4 MT destroyed, 9 damaged, 1 armored vechile damaged, and 2 HDV destroyed. As to this, Horsefly and baggage both reported excellent results and it is believed that actual destruction was much more than can be claimed by observations. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped on town of Mouterhouse (Q-7942). Claim hits on town, 3 Frags jettisoned in lade at Q-4128. 2 GPs and 1 Frag returned (low on gas). T.O.T. 1145-1200 hours. Time down: 1282 hours. No E/A encountered; no other claims. 2 P-47s damaged, Cat. 1. flak. Weather: over target 10/10ths; base 2000, tops 4000. Some high cloud. Visibility 7 to 10 miles.

12 P-47s of 365th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # FP bombs, and 1 x 260 # Frag bombs, dispatched at 1250 on close support and armed recce. Route flown: Base to Biche, Hagenau, R-137098. "Elite" vectored squadron to Rhine, reporting over R/T much M/T traffic East side of Rhine leading to R-137098. No M/T observed, nor pontoon bridge as reported. 2 fires seen in Gambsheim. "Elite"gave target after above R/T conversation, woods at R-137098, East side of Rhine, troop concentration. All bombs on woods. No results observed due to low overcast, intense flak, and woods obscurring damage. 1 gun position dam) prob 40 40 mm). Towns of Freistatt (R-1508), Diersheim (R-1105), Rheinbischafabein (R-1406) strafed. Strikes in towns but no results observed. Enemy a/c nil. 1 A/C damaged by flak category 2, 2 A/C damaged by flak category 1. Flak: Intense, heavy and light R-137098, heavy flak bursts at target at 700 feet. Weather: 10/10, base 1000 feet, Tops 2500, another layer base 7000 tops unknown. T.O.T. 1350-1410. Time down 1500.

11 P-47s of 366th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frags, dispatched at 1321 on C/S and A/R. Route flown: Base to Bitche, Rhine to Base. Squadron contacted "Elite" West of Hagenau assigned to and attacked barracks and camp site 2 miles N.E. of Biche. All bombs dropped there, 6 bldgs destroyed at Q-8052. T.O.T. 1355-1437. Flak: Biche, intense, heavy, Target, intense, light. E/A nil. Weather; 10/10, base 1000 feet, tops 2500, another layer base 7,000 tops unknown. Time down 1530.

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B. (i) 47 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
At Q-8557, flak position.
At Q-6458, woods.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
At Q-835435, enemy troops, and vehicles.
At Q-7942, town of Mouterhouse.
Also strafed enemy troops and vehicles, at Q-835435.
12 A/C dropped bombs on woods at R-137098.
11 A/C dropped bombs on barracks and camp site 2 miles NE of Biche.
47 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 6 A/C damaged by flak: 4 cat. 1; 1 cat 2; and 1 category 3.
(viii) 47

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 116:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 112,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 12,905 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 94 - 500 # GP bombs, fused -nose,M103; tail M101A2.
47 - 260 # Frag bombs,fused-nose,M103tail M100A2.
(ii) 86 - 500 GPs and 42 Frag bombs expended as follows:-
16 GPs and 8 Frags at Q-6458, woods.
2 GPs and 1 Frag on flak position at Q-8557.
18 GPs and 6 Frags on enemy troops, Q-835435.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on town of Mouterhouse Q-7942.
24 GPs and12 Frags on woods, at R-137098.
22 GPs and11 Frags on barracks and camp site 2 mi NE of Biche.
(iii) 6 - 500 # GP bombs jettisoned.
6 - 260 # Frag bombs jettisoned.
(iv) 2 - 500 # GP bombs returned to base.
1 - 260 # Frag bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. I. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 9

2. Armored vehicles,
c) Damaged, 1

3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 6

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 9

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 2

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

6 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 75 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1045 on an armed recce in area of Saarbrucken - Homburg - Kaiserslautern - Neustadt and Landau. Sq. contacted "Baggage". 4 x 500 dropped on loco and 15 boxcars facing N in M/Y at Dielkirchen at M-058180. 1 bldg. destroyed, 1 boxcar dam. 4 x 500 dropped on RR tunnel at Q-782935 with all bombs inside tunnel. 8 x 500 dropped on loco and 20 boxcars facing NE at Q-755860. Loco damaged, 6 boxcars destroyed, 1 railcut. At Q-782935 train in tunnel. Loco and 3 boxcars dest, tunnel dam. and fire started in tunnel. 3 x 500 dropped on loco and 6 boxcars facing SW at Q-935921. Loco dam. and 3 boxcars dest. 2 boxcars strafed and damaged. 4 x 500 dropped on loco and 25 boxcars and livestock cars facing NE at Q-785871. Destroyed loco, and damaged 3 boxcars. 1 x 500 fell in the vic. of Q-950935. 1 loco strafed and dam. in train of 40 boxcars facing E at R-075923. At R-080669 a convoy of 30 M/T, some loaded with ammo moving W between R-027670 and R-150675, strafed. Dest. 3, dam 6 M/T. Intense accurate light flak encountered at R-1593 and Q-782935; meager inaccurate heavy at Q-6070. Weather for mission was CAVU. T.O.T. 1115-1245, T.D. 1310.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 27:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 5,080 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M113 8 - 11 sec delay.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

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Oprep A No. 75 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945, (Cont'd).

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 3
(C) 6
3. (A) 2
(C) 3
4. (A) 12
(C) 6
9. (C) 1
11. (A) 1
14. --- 1

Oprep A No. 76 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Maj. Wright, took off at 1056 on a close support show contacting "Adkin" in vicinity of Saareguemines. "Adkin B" assigned target a town of Erching at Q-6557. 24 x 500 dropped on target and 23 hits were scored in town. Target also strafed, NRO. At request of Atkin, recced road at Pirmasens to Zweibrucken uneventfully. On secondary road area Q-7371 1 M/T moving E strafed no damage. Moderate accurate light flak encountered at Q-8060; meager inaccurate heavy at Q-6458. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1130-1145, T.D. 1254.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 2 P-47's Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 22:00 Hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 4,240 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G., and H. NIL

I. NIL

Oprep A No. 77 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Kilgore, took off at 1320 on an Armed Recce in the areas of Baden-Baden and Bitche area.

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Oprep A No. 77 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945. (Cont'd).

A. Sq. contacted "Elite" who sent Sq. to vicinity of Frerstett. Ceiling was 10/10 at 800' and was, therefore, unable to bomb on recce. "Elite" directed Sq. to "Adkin B" at Bitche who gave target of road junction at SW edge of Bitche. 24 x 500 dropped. Destroyed 1 road block. Intense inaccurate heavy flak encountered over Bitche - Zweibrucken area. Over Rhine area 10/10 stratus cumulus at 800', 10/10 9,000'; over Bitche CAVU. T.O.T. 1425, T.D. 1500.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 21:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 520 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 10. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 78 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Wagner, and 405th Sq., led by Maj. Leonard, took off at 1410 on a Fighter Sweep in the Bitche, Landau, Germersheim and Worms areas. Approximately 10 miles NW of Worms, at 18,000' the 404th Sq., Met 10 Fw-190's and Me-109's; the ensuing battle joined the 405th Sq. with 15 Fw-190's. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1500, T.D. 1611.

B. (i) 26 P-47's
(ii) 23 "
(iii) (a), (b) and (d) NIL, (c) 1-Det. tanks-fuel would not feed properly.
(vi) 1 P-47 - e/a Fw-190.
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 P-47 - e/a Fw-190.
(vii) 1 " Cat "AC" e/a Fw-190.
(viii) 24

C. (i) 4 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 4 - 75 " " "

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Oprep A No. 78 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945, (Cont'd).

D. (i) 43:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 58,700 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 5,804 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. NIL

G. Maj. John W. Leonard O-24697 was last seen in vic. of M-3010. A/C was seen to crash and burst into flames. Pilot previously stated on R/T he was going to bail out (6,000') saw canopy jet. but no chute seen, however it is believed he did bail out since plane was not under continuous observation. MIA - e/a Fw-190. F/O Robert L. Marks T-123559 last seen in vic. of M-2530. (Believed e/a Fw-190.

H. (i) In the Air:
1 Fw-190 Maj. John W. Leonard O-24697
1 " " " " " " (Shared).
1st Lt. C. L. McGonigle O-680045
1 Fw-190 Capt. T.E. Cox O-381076
1 Fw-190 Capt. A.H. Tait, O-793028
(ii) Nil
(iii) 1 Fw-190 1st Lt. L. E. Penne O-815384
1 Fw-190 2nd Lt. C. B. Meyer O-710735
1 Fw-190 2nd Lt. M. M. McLeod O-710731
(iv) 25 Fw-190's and Me-109's

I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 JAN 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - LOCAL WEATHER
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results : SEE ATTACHED ANNEX

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 17TH BOMBARDMENT GROUP (M)
OFFICE OF THE STATISTICAL OFFICER
A. P. O. # 374

ANNEX TO SCOR FORM 34 DATED 5 JANUARY 1945

6 e 42ND BOMB WING DAMAGE AS DISCLOSED BY PHOTO RECON 1 JANUARY 1945: "The 17th Bomb Group attack(SEE MISSION REPORT #548 DATED 1 JANUARY 1945) on the central area at WR-051937 is reported as follows: Approximately 200 craters in the area; one 200 foot two-story rectangular building is two-thirds destroyed; one 200 ft. rectangular building has one-half the roof destroyed; one 230 foot two-story rectangular building is half destroyed; one 100 ft. low rectangular building is completely destroyed; one 150 foot building is gutted and the roof is destroyed; one 50 ft. shed is half destroyed; one 50 ft. shed is destroyed except for the two end walls; two 50 foot sheds have holes in the roof and have probably suffered some wall damage; one 250 foot building has 50 feet at each end destroyed and the remaining center section is very seriously damaged; one 550 foot L-shaped building has 50 feet at the corner destroyed; one 550 foot two-story building is one-third destroyed; one 150 foot two-story building has probable wall damage to one end; one 150 ft. two story building is one-half destroyed; one 150 ft. two-story building is one-third destroyed; one building built in the form of a hollow square 500 feet long and 300 ft. wide has one end partially destroyed and the remainder of that end is seriously damaged and was still burning at the time of photography; one-fourth of one side and one-half of the other side of the same building are destroyed; one 150 foot building is one-half destroyed; and one 150 foot building is completely destroyed."

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FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

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a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. J. Kobin, 99.154 A.C.
Signature
For ASHLEY B. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref.: Oprep 'A' No. 81 for 24 hours ending sunset, 5 January, '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONSNO. 3599, TR/4/5/1.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0820-1015. To recce Bitche-Pirmasens-Zweibrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 15 MT mvg. north Bitche at 0840 hrs. 75 plus ground troops at Q-912697 off side of road, scattered among trees at 0845 hrs. 10 plus HDT mvg. north from Pirmasens Q-9070 at 0845 hrs. 50 plus boxcars in Zweibrucken M/Y. 12 plus camouflaged tanks stationary on road under trees on right hand side of road at Q-712740 at 0950 hrs. Called into controller, who sent 12 F/B's. Pilot showed F/B's where target was, and F/B's went after them. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light/heavy-intense-accurate at Zweibrucken M/Y. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVR AREA: 0835-1000. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche-Pirmasens. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. (ii) 180rds. (iii) Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 50 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3600, TR/16/5/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0835-1015. To recce and photo in Ludwigshafen-Heidelberg-Darmstadt-Frankfurt-Worms area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 12 boxcars mvg. NE into Ludwigshafen. 2 locomotives with steam up in Ludwigshafen M/Y. 4 plus locomotives with steam up in Mannheim M/Y. 2 trains with 30 boxcars each mvg. SE out of Mannheim. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. NW from R-6287. 3 locomotives with steam up in Heidelberg M/Y. 1 train with 15 open boxcars mvg. NW at Q-6594. 5 large MT stationary facing north at R-7291, 3 north across bridge and 2 south across bridge at R-7292. 7 MT BW scattered Heidelberg-M-9806. 1 train with 25 boxcars north out of Mannheim. 25 plus barges stationary between Ludwigshafen and Worms on west side of river. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. north in M-6616. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. south into M-6422. 2 large MT south M-6426. 1 locomotive mvg. north M-6328. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. north into Darmstadt. 1 train with 30 boxcars mvg. east into Darmstadt. 10 MT mvg. south from Langen-Darmstadt. 1 train with 35 plus boxcars mvg. north into Frankfurt. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. SE M-6465. Activity in Frankfurt M/Y. 1 train with 35 boxcars mvg. NE at M-4954. 50 plus barges in Rhine river from Mainz to M-4352, stationary facing mostly south. Tug towing 2 long barges south M-4638. Tug towing 3 barges south M-4834. 4 locomotives steam up Worms M/Y. No activity On Mannheim Rhein Main A/D, Darmstadt A/D or M-5406 A/D. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-intense-accurate at Worms and Ludwigshafen. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Neustadt. PHOTOS: Mannheim M/Y: 2780 RR cars in M/Y..mostly boxcars and empty coal cars. 22 locomotives with steam up in M/Y. 5 plus flak cars in M/Y. Included in total area 50 cars loaded with MT and steel girders. 1 cars with large fusilaged shaped object. Many other cars loaded, but loads can not be identified. Main lines area intact. Large amount of activity in yard. No bomb damage lately. Locomotive sheds intact with steam anf smoke...all above information located in coordinates from R-553965 to R-597940 in Mannheim M/Y. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0900-0955. WEATHER: CAVU from Speyer to north. From Speyer to south 10/10 at 4000'-6000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Ludwigshafen-Worms. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds. of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 20 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3601, TR/8/5/5.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0925-1110. To recce Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-Q-5997-Homburg-Bitche-area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north from Saargemund. NMS Homburg-Zweibrucken-Bitche-Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-St. Wendel-Neunkirchen-Saargemund. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Homburg. Scant-inaccurate rocket flak at Neunkirchen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 0940-1040. WEATHER: CAVU. Thin layer forming at 12000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's from 0925-1110-(2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3602, TR/5/5/2.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1000-1215. To recce and photo in Zweibrucken-Homburg-Kaiserslautern-Bitche-area. OBSERVATIONS: 100 plus RR cars in M/Y at Q-9174. 2 MT BW at Q-7773. 150 plus RR cars in Zweibrucken M/Y. 150 plus RR cars in Homburg M/Y. 1 train with steam up and 20-30 cars stationery facing east at Q-8991, looked as if it had been bombed or strafed by F/B's. 3 locomotives with steam up and 150 plus boxcars in Kaiserslautern M/Y. 2 MT mvg. east at R-0267. 4 flat cars and 12 boxcars on RR at R-0767, also material

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OPERATIONS NO. 3602, TR/5/5/2, Cont'd.

A. Cont'd. stacked along track the length of RR cars. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Unsuccessful due to ~~xxxxxx~~.oil on camera lens. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015-1130. WEATHER: CAVU west of Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens. Hardt and upper Hardt Mts. 10/10 at 5000'. Area vicinity of Bitche CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Zweibrucken-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3603, TR/9/5/6.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1045-1245. To recce Bitche-Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-L-6514-Landshut-Homburg-St. Wendel area. OBSERVATIONS: 8 MT mvg. NE at Q-6447. Scattered traffic mostly NE from Q-5939 to Q-6345. Possibly friendly traffic. 2 RR bridges at Q-4371 are blown out. Bridge at Q-4~~2~~4714 is intact. 150 boxcars in M/Y at Q-4674. 500 plus boxcars in M/Y at Neunkirchen. 100 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-5997. 1 train with 30 boxcars stationary facing NE at Q-7486. F/B's had hit train. Locomotive was smoking. B-24's hit Neunkirchen M/Y at west end of town, also they hit Pirmasens. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1110-1230. WEATHER: CAVU Saarbrucken area. Low overcast mvg. south at Trier area at 1000'. 10/10 at 1000' over Hardt mts. Light overcast at 11000'.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche-St. Wendel area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3604, TR/17/5/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1120-1305. To recce Wissembourg-Mannheim. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1135-1245. WEATHER: 10/10 3-5000' Rhine valley from R-1010 to north.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Wissembourg-Mannheim. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3605, TR/~~16~~/5/3.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1200-1345. To recce Pirmasens-Zweibrucken-Bitche-Q-9855 area. OBSERVATIONS: 4 MT mvg. north into Pirmasens. 2 MT mvg. south into Pirmasens. 300 plus boxcars in Zweibrucken M/Y..no activity. Many tank tracks at Q-6~~8~~56 leading in from north and east. No tank tracks south of Q-6856. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 1245-13~~3~~0. WEATHER: CAVU west of Hardt mts. 10/10 3000' Bitche to south and east.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Pirmasens-Q-9855. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3606, ~~PR~~/12/03/150/54.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1215-1330. To photo in Saarbrucken-Neunkirchen-Bad Kreuznach area. OBSERVATIONS: None--mission was completely for photo purposes. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: M/Y RR intersection at Q-4471: 85 RR cars in M/Y mostly loaded with coal. RR bridge completely out, all lines south at this point are out. E-W lines are out. 5 lines blocked in M/Y..all other main lines repaired. Damage to east end of Burbacher Hutts idustrial plant is moderate. Damage to bldgs. north of RR intersection is severe. Damage to bldgs. at east end of RR section moderate..impact heaviest north of intersection, no loading. Light to no activity in M/Y. Nine through lines cut..two E-W, 7 to South. NE, and NW lines are serviceable. Best area for new attack would be triangular RR intersection-targets covered by photos. 25 RR cars and repairing material, including cross ties near M/Y at Q-513841. RR tunnel entrance intact, no guns at both Q-514844, and Q-517850. RR intersection, turn table, water tower intact, no bomb damage, all lines clear at Q-519856. 67 plus RR cars in M/Y, 4 locomotives with no steam up, lines all clear--M/Y-tunnel entrance-RR intersection good targets.. all at Q-523856. 3 gun battery (H) unoccupied at Q-523855. RR bridge completely out to south, 4 main lines blocked, bldgs. in vicinity of station and bridge severely damaged at M-083351. 14 plus RR cars in M/Y, 5% of facilities are damaged at M-080349. RR bridge intact to north, 2 line open at M-073347. RR bridge out to SW , 2 lines out at M-077344. 85 RR cars in M/Y. 2 % or less of M/Y facilities damaged. 4 lines to south from M-075340 serviceable. Light-to little activity in all M/Y's. Bridge targets bombed sucessfully...all at M-075340. 3 gun AA batteries (L) at M-085359, (Two). 3 gun AA battery (L) at M-078359. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1230-1315. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. ~~for~~ (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bad Kreuznach. (ii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
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OPERATIONS NO. 3607, TR/10/5/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1300-1445. To recce Saarbrücken-L-4508-Homburg-Landshut-St. Wendel-Neunkirchen. OBSERVATIONS: 200 plus boxcars in Saarbrucken M/Y. 200 plus boxcars in M/y at Q-3276. 200 plus boxcars Neunkirchen M/Y in serviceable condition. 150 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-5890. 100 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-5996. 350 plus boxcars in M/Y at Homburg. 40 boxcars in M/Y at Q-7887. M'Y had been bombed..not much damage. 1 train wi with 50 boxcars stationary facing SW at Q-7589. 1 large MT mvg. NE at Q-4980. 10 plus MT , 2 NW, 2 SE, and 10 east at Q-605548. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK:Light-scant-inaccurate at just NE of Saarbrucken. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AR E 1315-1430. WEATHER: CAVU. Low ov'c'st. Trier area over to L-5010.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Neunkirchen. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3608, TR/18/5/11.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1305-1510. To recce Strassbourg-Rastatt-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT with trailer mvg. NE R-1652. 2 small MT mvg. east R-2955. . 150 plus boxcars in M/Y at Landau..no activity. 30-40 MT BW Pirmasens-Landau at 1430 hrs. 50-60 RR cars with about 20 flat cars, appeared to be MT loaded on them, camouflaged with tarpaulin at R-1667. 25-40 boxcars in each M/Y between Landau and Pirmasens. At 1440 hrs 10 MT stationary in Pirmasens. 6 small MT mvg. west Pirmasens-Zweibrucken. 200 plus boxcars Zweibrucken M/Y. Convoy of 30 MT, some were armored vehicles mvg. south from Zweibrucken at 1445 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK:Light/SAF/intense-accurate at R-1106-R-2018. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA:1320-1455. WEATHER: 10/10 Rhine valley 2000'-4500'.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Pirmasens. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs 10 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3609, TR/1/5/4.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1305-1515. To recce Q-8851-Q-6455-Zweibrucken-Homburg-Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens. OBSERVATIONS: 10 plus MT stationary under trees at Q-7544. 3 HDT or tractor drawn MT mvg. east at Q-8046. 3 HDT vehicles mvg. east at Q-8851. 15 troops mvg. west at Q-8851. 1 large MT mvg. west at Q-8844. 6 MT mvg. west at Q-9455. 2 MT mvg. south at Q-6455. 3 MT mvg. north at Q-7955. 1 MT mvg. north at Q-8159, 1 mvg. NW at Q-8166, 1 mvg. NW at Q-7571. 50 boxcars in M/Y at Q-7573. 150 RR cars in M/Y at Zweibrucken. 1 MT mvg. NE at Q-7385. 2 MT mvg. south at Q-7586. 1 MT mvg. north at Q-7988. 2 MT mvg. SW at Q-7988. 1 MT mvg. north at Q-8684. 1 MT mvg. north at R-0558. Large fire on RR at R-0267. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1405-1500. WEATHER: CAVU, slight ground haze.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Q-8851-Pirmasens area. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs 20 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3610, TR/11/5/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1515-1615, To recce Strassbourg-R-0513. OBSERVATIONS: B-17 crashed and was burning at Q-1008, south side of Marne Canal. Our vehicles and foot troops mvg. east from Burmath(Q-9815). Controller ordered mission to return to base. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA:1540-1600. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-R-0513. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
G. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). F, G, H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3611, TR/24/5/37...NO MISSION.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1525-1610.
B. (iii) This mission was abortive due to weather. C. Nil. D. 1 hr 30 mins.
E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). F., G., H. Nil.

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OPREP A No. 112 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 5 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 276 (TR/12/5/15)

A. 2 F6-C's from 0900-1020. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y 1/2 full NMS Kaiserslantern, train 20 mixed cars, stat, steam up Q-6578, Hamburg M/Y 1/2 full NMS, 5 scattered autos and M/T W between Kaiserslantern and R-1499, 300 scattered box cars between Kaiserslantern and Landstahl, 40 cars some coal cars M-1108, NMS hwy between M-1108 and Pfeddersheim, M/Y Alzey 2/3 full NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Saarbrucken I - A - H, Hamburg S - A - H. Saargemund I - A - H. Pfeddersheim S - I - H. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0920-1000. WEATHER: 10/10 2,000 top N of Alzey, 10/10 deck to 10,000 S of Karlsruhe, 9/10 cirrus 20,000.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 40 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 277 (TR/1/15/12)

A. 2 F6-C's from 0930-1100. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS. 50 box and flat cars at R-4687, 1 train 40 box cars mvg N at R-5096, NMS Frankenthal Ludwigschaven, M/Y 1/2 full Ludwigschaven, M/Y 1/2 full at M-3106, NMS on autoban from M-4406 - M-2504, Hwy bridge at M-4906 unserviceable, 2 MT mvg NE at M-3006, No activity at Bad Durkheim, 150 box cars at Neustadt M/Y, scatt groups of 2 to 5 box cars on tracks W of Neustadt extending for 3 miles, Factory at R-2784 had 20 box cars along siding, 50 box cars at R-2976 no activity No obs at Landan due to overcast. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Moderate hvy access at Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0950-1040. WEATHER: 10/10 SE of Landan.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 278 (TR/13/5/16)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1030-1240. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 4 M/T W into Kaiserslantern, 2 M/T E out of Kaiserslantern, Scattered traffic Kaiserslantern - Ludwigschaven hwy, 6 horse drawn vehicle facing W Stat at M-3315, 20 plus barrage balloons N edge of Worms from 500 - 1000 ft, Light scatt M/T on hwys between Worms and Mainz, 6 M/T both ways M-2654, Light scatt M/T traffic visinity Bingen, Mainz M/Y 1/4 full 3 locos working, M/Y Alzey 1/2 full 3 locos working, train 30 plus cars stat steam up facing S at M-2214, 20 large M/T stat facing W at M-1521, train 30 plus cars E at R-0693, NMS or obs NW of Kaiserslantern, continued activity or construction R-0375, 1 M/T parked and 20 plus men working. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H Pirmasens. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050-1215. WEATHER: CAVU T/G area. Light haze in valleys.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs. 20 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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OPERATIONS NO. 279 (TR/10/5/19)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1030-1155. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1055-1130. WEATHER: 10/10 45-5500 top, scud building up at 12,000.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 50 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 280 (TR21/5/21)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1100-1215. To recce in Area "G". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1145. WEATHER: 10/10 deck 3,000. 7/10 6-7,500. 8/10 thin scud at 10,000 visibility 1 mile.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking area "G". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 281 (TR/2/5/13)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1130-1330. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 30 cars mvg N R-4786, 1 train 40 cars mvg N at R-4790, 2 staff cars 1 mvg E 1 mvg W between M-3206,-M-4406, NE edge of Bad Durheim tank tracks, M/Y at Neustadt smoking from recent bombing, 30 to 40 MT mvg W between Pirmasens Landau F/E attacking, NMS between Landau - Speyer, No obs S of Landau due to weather 10/10 at 4,000 feet. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1150-1310. WEATHER: CAVU N of Landau, S of Landau 10/10 base 1,,000 feet.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 282 (TR/14/5/17)

A. 2 F6-D's from 1225-1310. To recce in Area "X". OBSERVATIONS: 25 M/T in convoy mvg E Q-6049 (U. S. Traffic), All roads N and E of Saargemund hwy traffic majority of movement S E, Traffic thinning out to E, major part of movemnet N to S, S of Pirmasens light traffic M/T mostly S, majority of M/T heavy type, No obs E of Pirmasens due to weather, 10/10 base 1,500 top 3,000. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1240-1255. WEATHER: Sweibrucken area 9/10 alto status base 11,000 feet.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "X". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 283 (~~XR~~/7A/04/157/23)
(TR/3/5/14)

A. 2 F6-B's from 1330-1530. To recce and photo in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: 49 Obliques of Defenses, 05057-03665 at 8,000 ft. , 127 at 1353 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1515 WEATHER: 3/10 cirrus at 20,000.
B. 2 F6-B's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 284 (TR/20/5/20)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1400-1530. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1427-1512. WEATHER: 10/10 ground 4500. 9-10/10 high cirrus. Scud forming at 6,000.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 285 (TR15/5/18)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1345-1530. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Neustadt burning, M/Y Ludwigschaven 1/3 full no activity, RR bridge at R-5398 serviceable, hwy bridge at M-4916 unserviceable, 5 pontoons on E bank river at M-4819, 1 M/T mvg W at M-4606, M/Y Worms 1/2 full 2 trains, number trains unknown in M/Y 1 train mvg N other S, hwy bridge at M-4616 serviceable, 20 barges 40 ft long docked at Mainz, bridge at M-4050 serviceable, M/Y Mainz 1/3 full 1 loco steam up stat in M/Y, 1 train 50 cars mvg W at M-2758, RR bridge M-1654 serviceable, 1 M/T mvg N at M-1342, M/Y 1/2 full at M-2727, 1 M/T mvg W at Q-9194, Large columns os smoke center Kaiserslantern, Pirmasens smoking. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1410-1515. WEATHER: 6/10 at 4-5,000 base N Kaiserlantern.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 30 mins. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 300 rds. .50 cal. (iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 286 (TR/23/5/36)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1430-1600. To recce in Area "X". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather, Large fires at Mannheim, NMS Pirmasens to Landan. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Scant Inaccurate Hvy - Herdeberg. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1455-1535. WEATHER: Pirmasens - Landau 9/10 top 5,000. 10/10 base 8,000 top 10,000. 8-9/10 on deck.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "X". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 3 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 287 (TR/22/5/22)

A. 2 F6-D's from 1445-1615. To recce in Area "G". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1503-1535. WEATHER: 9/10 top 5,000. 10/10 base 8,000 - Top 10,000, 8-9/10 on deck.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "G". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3 hrs. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 541

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION: 86 BCW)

FROM: 364TH FIGHTER GP. S., APO 374 - U. S. Army

Oprep "A" No: 280 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION No. - 36/3472 (45)

A. 1 P-51, from 1155Z to 1240Z. To photo target: MY/Lines: Y-072348 to L-825150, L-893169 to Y-072348, Y-130072 to Y-825150, Y-130072 to P-127940, Y-825150 to Y-850147.
OBSERVATIONS: Nil SUMMARY: While on flight line beginning N of Kaiserlautern, four (4) unidentified A/C travelling East, dove down on pilot who started evasive action and headed East. When the four (4) A/C left him, pilot returned to complete the strip. BOMB RUN: Nil PHOTOS: MY/Lines: Y-072348 to L-825150, L-893169 to Y-072348, Y-130072 to Y-825150, Y-130072 to P-127940, Y-825150 to Y-850147, and Stuttgart/Boblingen A/F at Y-850147. FLAK: CONTACT: Good. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY: 1220Z to 1220Z. REMARKS: CAVU In target area, slight haze, contrails at 22,000. Mission successful. (Palance C. Bosworth, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-51, (ii) 1 attacking target: MY/Lines: Y-072348 to L-825150, L-893169 to Y-072348, Y-130072 to Y-825150, Y-130072 to P-127940, Y-825150 to Y-850147. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 45 minutes
E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: U.S. Ninth Air Force , (ATTENTION AC/S)

FROM: 64TH [illegible] SQ., APO 674 - U. S. Army

Oprep "A" No: 880 for 24 hours ending sunset
6 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 56/3478 (3E)

A. 1 P-51, from 1345A to 1600A. No photo target: TI/Hs at: Y-833-79, Y-872-88, Neustadt T/T, Mannheim T/T, Worms T/T, Heidelberg T/T, Germersheim T/T, Speyer T/T. [illegible]

B. Mil [illegible]

C. Mil [illegible]

D. 1 hr 35 minutes

E. Mil

F. Mil

G. Mil

H. Mil

I. Mil

1. (i) 1-51, (ii) 1 attacking target: T/Hs at Y-833-79, Y-872-88, Neustadt T/T, Mannheim T/T, Worms T/T, Heidelberg T/T, Germersheim T/T, Speyer T/T. (iii) Mil (iv) Mil (v) Mil (vi) Mil (vii) Mil (viii) 1

2. Good. [illegible] 1415 to 1440A.

3. [illegible] - extreme haze. Mission successful.

(John H. Sanders, 1st. Lt.)

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Form 547

TO: U. S. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION: AC/S, G2)

FROM: 34th PHOTO RCN. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operational Mission No. 480 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION FLOWN U. S. - 24/8677 (47)

A. 1 F-5, from 1254A to 1400A. To photo target: Bunga rt: F-452858, F-229047, F-259801, Lindau M/Y, Bruchsall M/Y, Karlsruhe M/Y, and Brietti M/Y. OBJECTIVES: Mil (i) M/Y, (ii): Mil (iii) M/Y YARDS: Mil (iv) RR TOS: Bunga rt: F-452858, F-259881, Lindau M/Y. WEATHER: Good. Time over target: 1300A to 1305A. REMARKS: Extreme haze in target area - contrails at 25,000 ft., mission partially successful. (Robert E. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5P, (ii) 1-time taking target: Bunga rt: Bunga rt F-452858, F-229047, F-259801, Lindau M/Y, Bruchsall M/Y, Karlsruhe M/Y, and Brietti M/Y, (iii) Mil (iv) Mil (v) Mil (vi) Mil (vii) Mil (viii) 1

C. Mil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
E. Mil

F. Mil
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TO: U.S. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S)

FROM: 34[illegible] PHOTO SQ. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Recap W/A No: 480 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION U. . . - 54/B478 (48)

A. 1 P-38, from 1450' to 1430'. To photo target: Kaiserlautern (BD4), Birkenseus (BD5), Dump at -804718, /Y at -8422, Kaiserlautern M/Y. OBSERVATIONS: Large fires in Birkenseus - large fire along RR South of Heisbeden. ENEMY AIR: Nil
ANTI-AIR FIRE: Nil TARGETS: Kaiserlautern (BD4) Birkenseus (BD5) Dump at -804718, /Y at -8422, Kaiserlautern M/Y. RADIO CONTACT: Good. BLIND OVER TARGET: 1430 to 1415'. [illegible]: Moderate heavy in target area.
("Mission successful., Allen F. Keith, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-38, (ii) 1 attacking target: Kaiserlautern (BD4) Birkenseus (BD5), Dump at -804 718, M/Y at -8422. Kaiserlautern M/Y. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil D. Nil
E. 1 hr. 10 minutes G. Nil
F. Nil H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: H... Ninth Air Force, (ACT.MYTON 26 (GP))

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. S..., APO 674 - U.S. Army

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Operations Report No: 1 for the hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION No. . . - 34/5430 (GP)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1238A to 1350A. To photo target:
Mapping in Block Coverage: from (-4572, -3357, F-1654,
F-1648, -8238, -7837, -8550, -4588. OBSERVATIONS:
Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil
TYPE TGTS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. LIAISON
WITH AIR: 1258A to 1510A RETURN: 10/10ths.
clouds in area. Mission unsuccessful. (James E.
Lively, Lav. Lt.)

B. (i) -8E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Mapping in Block
Coverage: from -4572, -3357, F-1654, F-1648, -8238, -
7837, -8550, -4588. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) 10/10
ths cloud cover ge over targ t: no photos taken. (iv)
Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii)
Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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TO: H. . Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S G2)

FROM: 340TH BMB G RON. SQ., APO 674 - U.S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 280 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION NO. - 30/3281 (31)

A. 1 P-38, from 1210A to 1340A. To photo target: Mapping In Block Coverage from: -4574, -8557, P-1548, -8578, -7587, -8550, -4558. OBSERVATION: Large fires in Pirmasens and Zweibrucken. FLAK: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil PHOTOS: Mapping in block Coverage from: -4574, -8557, P-1548, -8578, -7587, -8550, -4558. - five (5) strips in area between Zweibrucken and Kaulitz. RADIO COMM CT: Good. WEATHER: 1420A to 1515A. REMARKS: Very hazy in target area, particularly in area of Mission successful. (William J. Cyckowski, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) P-38. (ii) 1 attacking target: Mapping in Block Coverage from: -4574, -8557, P-1548, -8578, -7587, -8550 -4558. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil E. Nil

D. 1 hr. 30 minutes G. Nil

F. Nil H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S G2)

FROM: 362nd (PHOTO RCN) Sq., APO 574 - U.S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 230 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION NO. - 54/5479 (A9)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1205A to 1330A. No photo target: MA's - St. Ingbert, Neuenkirchen, Homberg, Zweibrucken, St. Ingbert, M/Y at Homberg, M/Y at Zweibrucken, Neuenkirchen M/Y, M/Y at Saarbrucken, M/Y at St. Ingbert. OBSERVATIONS: Large fires observed on west end of Birkassens and in Neunkirchen. HEAVY AA: Nil MEDIUM FLAK: Nil SMOKE: MA's St. Ingbert, Neuenkirchen, Homberg, Zweibrucken, St. Ingbert, M/Y at Homberg, M/Y at Zweibrucken, M/Y at Neuenkirchen, M/Y at Saarbrucken, M/Y at St. Ingbert. RADIO COM NO: Good. FIGHTER OPPN: 1230A to 1300A. REMARKS: CAMU - slight haze. Mission successful. (Hayden C. Vaughn, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: MA's of St. Ingbert, Neuenkirchen, Homberg, Zweibrucken, St. Ingbert, Homberg M/Y, Zweibrucken M/Y, Neuenkirchen M/Y, Saarbrucken M/Y, St. Ingebert M/Y. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 25 minutes
E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H. Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 480 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 84/2282 (32)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1200A to 1400A. To photo target: Mapping in Block Coverage from: Q-4572 to Q-3887 to P-1854 to P-1548, Q-8333 to Q-7537, Q-8550 to Q-4858. OPPOSITION: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Mdh ten (10) Bursts flak inaccurate over Target/Diner. WEATHER: Mapping in block coverage from : -4572 to Q-3887 to P-1854 to P-1548 o Q-8333 to Q-7537 to Q-8550 to Q-4858. RADIO (AIDS): Good. TIME (BUT AREA): 1245A to 1400A. REMARKS: Cir us and extreme haze in vicinity of Mitaka. Mission successful. (Willard O. Levis, 1/O.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attaching target: Mapping in Block Coverage from: -4572 to -3887 to P-1854, to P-1548 , to -8333 to Q-7537 to -8550 to Q-4850. (iii) Nil
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION: A2 SOI)

FROM: 84TH [illegible] H.Q., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep/A/A No: 280 for 24 hours ending sunset
5 January 1945

MISSION NO. - A/8685 (88)

A. 1 P-38, from 1220A to 1335A. To photo target: Block Coverage -2880, -4083, -47%, -4458. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil
WEATHER: Block Coverage: -2880, -4083, -47%, -4458 - six (6) flight lines between Sterlouis and Spangdahlem. PHOTOGRAPHY: Good ITEMS OVER TARGET: 1240Mo
TRIP. REPORT: 8/10 VU in target area, contrails at 28,000 ft., slight haze in target area. Mission successful. (Charles P. Noy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) 1-38, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage: -2880, -4083, -47% , -4458. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil I. Nil
D. 1 hr. 15 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil K. Nil

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USAAF
FORM 34A.

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/5/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 509 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of poor weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
9 January 1944

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 242, 243, 244.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 242, 243, 244, for 24 hours ending sunset the 6, 7, and 8 January 1945.

1. A negative report for the 6th, 7th, and 8th of January 1945 is hereby submitted for the 50th Fighter Group (SE).

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
8 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 8 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2545

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 0800 down at 1000 on dive bombing mission. 1 A/C did not get off. 3 A/C bombed 10 plus MT and armored vehicles at V-9560. T.O.T. 0845, bomb run to 2000' with 2 misses & 4 in area. 3 MT destroyed, 5 damaged. 8 A/C bombed Diebolsheim at V-945655. T.O.T. 0850 with 12 hits in town, 1 SW of town, 1 NW of town, 2 hits at V-9862, enemy troops. Scant LAA at V-9062, scant HAA at V-9560. Small arms fire from V-945655. Weather, 10/10ths at 6000' in target area. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2546

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 0830 down at 1020 on dive bombing mission of town of Monterhayse at Q-795425. T.O.T. 0950, bomb run to 3000' with 2 hits in woods N of town, rest in town, 4 fires started in town & large explosion with red flames in woods. No AA. Weather, Haze in Bitche area, Rhine area closed in. 2 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs in lake at Q-2823, 1 A/C credited with sortie. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2547

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron up at 0840 down at 1005 on dive bombing mission of town of Ludwigswinkle at Q-948530. 3 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-2823. 2 A/C credited with sorties. T.O.T. 0940, bomb run to 2000' with 4 hits in center of town, 3 buildings destroyed, 4 hits just S of town, 2 buildings damaged. 2 hits unobserved. Scant LAA at target & Wisscurbourg. Weather, 7/10ths in layers at 4000', 5000' & 8000' from Hagenau eastward. Target clear. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2548

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 1150 down at 1330 on dive bombing mission of town of Obersecbach at R-185415. T.O.T. 1235, bomb run to 2000' with 2 hits SE of target, 2 hits on NW edge, 18 hits in town. 3 buildings destroyed, 4 buildings damaged. Moderate accurate LAA & HAA at target. Moderate accurate LAA at Gamsheim. Weather, base to target 10/10ths at 4000'. Strasbourg area to S 4/10ths base at 3500'. 1 A/C damaged, Cat #1, by flak. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS, 8 JANUARY 1945

Note 4	B	(i)	43
		(ii)	37
		(iii) c.	5
		d.	1
		(vii)	1 - Cat. #1
		(viii)	40
Note 5	D	(i)	70:40
Note 6	E	(i)	86,000
		(ii)	7,610
Note 7	F	(i)	86 x 500 lb GP
		(ii)	74 x 500 lb GP
		(iii)	10 x 500 lb GP
			(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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9 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 176 for the period ending Sunset 8 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Armed Recce Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260# Frag, dispatched at 0915 on A/R. Route flown: Base to Permasens, Landau, Bitche to Base. 4 x GP and 2 Frags jettisoned safe Q-7842 (mech abort and escort). 2 x GP and 1 Frag returned mech trouble. "Brutus Blue" led squadron to target. 8 GP and 4 Frags on Q-895490 on 10 tanks, 2 sections of HD carts (4 each) 6-8 horses pulling each section 4 M/T's and 1 passenger car. Bivouac area nearby woods, also strafed here. Dest 1 tank; 4 cars, 1 M/T and 8 horses killed. Damaged 4 M/T, NRO on strafing of bivouac area. Strafing: At Q-917460, 5 half tracks, 10 HD carts, 5 M/T's headed toward Bitche, all damaged. Strafing: At Q-915480, 10 half tracks, 15-20 M/T's, headed West damaged 10 half tracks, 15-20 M/T's. 4 x 500 and 2 frags at Q-781582, 2 large tanks, direct hits, burned out, 2 tanks destroyed. 2 x 500 and 1 frag at Q-784533, 1 large tank, direct hit burned out, 1 tank destroyed. Strafing: At Q-782530, 1 M/T destroyed. At Q-790540, 8 HD carts deaded South, 3 carts dam 6 horses and 2 persons killed. At Q-779549, 6 HD carts, 1 M/T with personnel, killed 4 horses, 3 people, 1 cart and 1 M/T and 1 passenger car damaged. At Q-785585, 1 M/T headed South damaged. At Q-780589, 1 passender car destroyed, 2 people killed. At Q-772548, 1 flak gun damaged. 4 x 500 # GPs and 2 frags at Q-921455, 1 tank, 1 half track, 3 M/T's, 1 passenger car. Direct hits on tank, destroyed, half track damaged, dest 1 M/T damaged 2 M/Ts killed 10 personnel, damaged 1 passenger car, 3 light MG positions. Strafed nearby

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woods, damaged 1 building, killed some personnel, and burned up equipment around building. Observations: R.R. between Permasens Landau, no rail activity , snow covered tracks. Little activity in Landau M/Y. Q-8951 - Q-8050, along road 3-4 large vans seen. 4 - 5 horse draw artillery moving W along road R-2069 - R-1060. 20-25 M/Ts moving W at Q-7080549, 3 tanks parked at Q-775565, 1 tank headed S. Time over target 0950 - 1035. Flak: Q-7653 scant, heavy. Q-9146, intense, light, Q-7855, moderate, light and heavy. E/A nil. 2 a/c damaged by flak, Cat: 2. Weather: 5/10, base 2000 tops 5,000, 10/10, base 12,000, tops unknown, visibility unlimited between. Time down 1120.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 9 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
10 tanks at Q-895490, plus HD carts, 6-8 horses, 4 M/Ts, and 1 passenger car.
2 tanks at Q-781582
1 tank, 1 half track, 3 M/Ts, and 1 passenger car at Q-921455
1 tank at Q-784533.
Also strafed the following:-
Bivouac area in nearby woods at Q-895490
5 half tracks, 10 HD carts, 5 M/Ts headed toword Bitche, at Q-917460
10 half tracks, 15-20 M/Ts, headed W at Q-915480
1 M/T at Q-782530
8 HD carts headed S, 3 carts, 6 horses, 2 persons at Q-779549
At Q-785585, 1 M/T headed S
At Q-780589, 1 passenger car
At Q-772548, 1 flak gun
At Q-921455, woods nearby, building and equipment
(iii) 3 A/C abortive due to:-
(a) Nil
(b) Nil
(c) 2 a/c mechanical
(d) 1 a/c escort abort
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 a/c damaged by flak - Cat: 2.
(viii) 9
9 a/c completed mission.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 22:10
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 14,325 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 24 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - tail M113
12 x 260 # Frag bombs, fused - tail M113
(ii) 18 x 500 # GP bombs and 9 x 260 # Frag bombs expended:
8 GPs and 4 Frags at Q-895490, on 10 tanks, 2 sections of HD carts, 6-8 horses, 4 M/Ts and 1 passenger car.
4 GPs and 2 Frags at Q-781582, on 2 large tanks,
2 GPs and 1 Frag at Q-784533, on 1 large tank.
4 GPs and 2 Frags at Q-921455, on 1 tank, 1 half track, 3 M/Ts, and 1 passenger car.
(iii) 4 GPs and 2 Frags jettisoned safe at Q-7842.
(iv) Nil
2 GPs and 1 Frag returned to base.

G. NIL

H. NIL

I.
1. Military transportation
a) 4
c) 31
2. Armored Vehicles and Tanks
a) 5
c) 15
6. Gun Emplacements
c) 4
9. Buildings
c) 1
13. Horse Drawn Carts
a) 4
c) 18
17. Other:
Horses (18) destroyed, personnel(21) destroyed

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 16 Close Support and Armed Recce

A. 6 a/c of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0927 on C/S and A/R, each A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 1 x 260 lb Frag bomb. Route flown: Base to Bouyviller, R-1310 (bridge) to base. At 1000, at R-2015, 13 FW 190's bounced squadron at 8,000 feet; they were at 10,000 when we jettisoned all bombs, but they took off North, thru overcast. We pursued for 5 minutes but could not overtake them. They had peculiar markings. Broad red, narrow yellow strip rear of fuselage. "Elite" tried to vector us to bridge at 1310, but e/a attack deffered squadron from target. Flak: Nil, e/a same as above, 1 a/c damaged category 1, E/A. Weather: at base, 9,000 feet from base to target, base was 10-12,000 feet multi layered clouds. Between layers, unlimited visibility. Time over target 1000-1030. Time down 1047.

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B. (i) 6 P-47s dispatched
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 a/c damaged Cat: 1 - e/a.
(viii) 6
6 a/c completed mission

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 9:50
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 14,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 12 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - tail, M113
6 x 260 # Frag bombs, fused - nose, M103, tail, M100A2
(ii) Nil
(iii) 12 x 500 # GPs and 6 x 260 # Frags jettisoned at R-2015, bounced by e/a
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

9 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET

1. Oprep A No. 81 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (H) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 6 MAR. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 Jan. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - - - - - TARGET STATION.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

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b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 8 Jan. 1945 Mission No. No mission

1. No. Off ____ Time Up ____ Time Down ____ Total Hours ____

2. *a.* Type Mission : ____ *b.* Escorted by : ____

3. Weather : Mission cancelled, Target weather.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) ____ (2) ____

(3) ____ (4) ____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack ____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area ____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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1. No. Off ____ Time Up ____ Time Down ____ Total Hours ____

2. *a.* Type Mission : ____ *b.* Escorted by : ____

3. Weather : Mission cancelled, Target weather.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) ____ (2) ____
(3) ____ (4) ____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

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b. Ground Speed of Attack ____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area ____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

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9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

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d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Kerbin, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
For ASHLEY, E. WOOLRIDGE,
LT. COL. AIR CORPS,
COMMANDING.

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OPREP 'A'.

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 84 for 24 hours ending sunset, 8 January, '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3613, TR/17/8/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0850-1050. To recce and photo in Erstein-New Breisach-Colmar-Freiburg-Munchouse-Ensisheim area. OBSERVATIONS: 100 infantry mvg. south into V-928804. Approximately 10 halftracks, 6-8 jeeps, approximately 200 troops in streets and just north of Erstein (V-9480.) This movement into Erstein from the north. 5 HDT west at V-6642, and 3 MT east at V-6642. 5 MT NW at V-6944. 3 MT mvg. S. into V-7541. 4 MT mvg. NW scattered at New Breisach-Colmar. 1 train with 15 boxcars mvg. SE into Freiburg. 5 MT scattered on streets of Freiburg. 2 MT and 2 HDT mvg. NW W-0124. 1 MT mvg. SW at W-0330. Supplies attacked between road and RR at V-8912. 4 HDT scattered mvg. in different directions mvg. into wooded area V-8020, V-8420, V-8318, V-8018. 5 MT stationary facing north in Munchouse (V-7919.) 25 plus troops in streets of Munchouse. RR appeared to be out 200 yards SW of Brusach RR bridge. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Neuenberg. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Breisach. PHOTOS: Ferry boat or section of pontoon mvg into position at V-895346. RR appears serviceable across river at V-885339. 50 RR cars in M/Y, tracks clear, some turned over at V-892364. Pontoon bridge not in use at time o this photo at V-882363. 7 sections of pontoons ready for mvg. into position at V-881366. Very little activity around fort at V-888362. Military camp, garrison at V-885373. Stacks of supplies at V-881376. Town of Vieux Breisach heavily defended with fire trenches and gun positions. 4 gun battery (H AA) unoccupied at V-879341. 3 gun battery (L) occupird at V-889349. 11 MG positions alongriver bank at V-889357. 4 gun battery (H AA) occupied at V-895362. 3 gun battery (L) unoccuped at V-894364. 3 gun battery (L) unoccupied at V-884356, and V-883364. RR bridge intact, serviceable for train and MT movement, fire trenches on both sides of E-W sidesof bridge, at V-859128. Line of barbed wire and fire trenches V-843139-V-840116. Large military camp, no activity at V-873120. Large RR repair material dump, very little activity, rail lines clear V-877121. Crossing havily defended by fire trenches and MG positions.. M/Y andbridge previously reported at V-878355-V-885340. 8 gun battery (H) occupied at V-873348. 4 gun battery (H) S/P unoccupied, at V-878341. 3 gun battery (L) S/P unoccuped at V-878350. 6 gun battery (H AA) occupied at V-897361, and one at V-899361. 4 gun battery MG/AA at V-903361. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0910-1055. WEATHER: 6-7/10 3-4000' and 6-7000' 5/10..hazy north of Strassbourg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Erstein-Ensisheim. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs
G. Nil
E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3614, TR/1/8/1.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0900-1100. To recce Strassbourg-Karlsruhe-area, also Bitche. OBSERVATIONS: 1 barge 50-75' long, with light AA mounted mvg. south R-3033. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-7852, 1 MT mvg. south at Q-7853, and 3 tanks mvg. east at Q-775535. Flight called F/B's and led them to tanks. F/B's destroyed 3 tanks at Q-781532. 3 tanks observed stationary at V-776540. 5 tanks stationary dispersed at Q-7854. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-7851. 1 MT mvg. sth at Q-7852. F/B'S straffed up and down roads From Q-7851-Q-7954-Q-7754-observed 56 MT destroyed by F/B's. 1 MT destroyed at Q780505. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at Q-7651, Q-7655, Q-8055, Q-8051. Light-scant-inaccurate at R-3033. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVR AREA: 0915-1045. WEATHER: 9/10 3000'. Vis. 10 miles Strassbourg-Karlsruhe. OAVU Bitche and vicinity.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs
G. Nil.
E. 2200 rdsof .50 cal. (ii) 840 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3615, TR/9/8/5.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1010-1200. To recce Saargemund-Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens-Zweibrucken. OBSERVATIONS: 15 MT mvg. south with ammo trailers at Q-7268 at 1115 hrs. 7 MT mvg. south at Q-9790. 75 boxcars in Kaiserslautern M/Y. 1 locomotive with steam up in M/Yand no activity. Light scattered traffic mvg. noth from Pirmasens to Q-9772. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1145. WEATHER: 10/10 2500' over area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Zweibrucken. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 40 mins.
G. Nil
E. 2200rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil
H. Nil.

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OPREP 'A' (Cont'd.)

OPERATIONS. NO. 3616, TR/2/8/2.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1030-1235. To recce Strassbourg-WissembourgKarlsruhe-Rastatt-Kehl. OBSERVATIONS: Small barge about 30' long by 20' tied to east bank of Rhine river at R-155118What appeared to be ferry sites burningon east and west banks of Rhine at R-170136 and R-167138. 1 MT mvg. NW R-175455(Staff car). Supplies on both sides of RR tracks at R-220437. 9 MT BW Karlsruhe-Rastatt, scattered. 1 MT mvg. SE into Rastatt. 2 MT mvg. SE from Rastatt. 2 MT mvg. south R-3217. 2 MT mvg. east R-240097. 3 MT SE at W-1298. ENEMY AIR: 30-40 unidentified A/C flying SW at Karlsruhe at 1130 hrs at 12000'. No contact. ENEMY FLAK:Heavy-scant-inaccurate east of Rhine Lichtenau-Freistett. Light-scant-inaccurate at R-2047. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Wissembourg. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1110-1220. WEATHER: Hazy, 4-5/10 5-6000' Rhine valley Strassbourg-Karlsruhe.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Kehl. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rdsof 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs 10 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3617, PR/21.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1100-1220. To photo in Saarbrucken-Neuenberg-Bitche-Lichtenau area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 barges on Rhine R-1512, one of the barges are burning at 1150 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-moderate-accurate at R-2014-R-1305. PHOTOS: Yes.. photos sent to Seventh Army for interpretation. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1200. WEATHER: 9/10 2000' vicinity of Bitche..9/10 7000'-75000 area Strassbourg-Karlsruhe. 10/10 haze from ground to 10000', vis less than a mile.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 2 hrs 40 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

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For theCommanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

8 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S[redacted]T

OPREP A No. 115 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 8 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 288 (TR/13/8/17)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1045-1135. To recce in Area of Homburg, Kaiserlautern, Neusdadt, Bad Kreuznach, Saarlautern. OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. Aircraft did not return to base but landed at Y-2. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PH OTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100-1125. WEATHER: Heavy snowfall, Vis. 1/2 mile.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area. (iii-vii) NIL (viii) 2.
C. NIL
D. 1 hr 40 mins.
E. 33 00 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) NIl
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

WILLIAMS, Act'g S-3,
FOR WARE, CO.

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Form 34a

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S G3)

From: 344th Fighter Bn., APO 374 -CO. U. Army

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Group "A" No. 283 for 24 hours ending sunset
8 January 1945

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/8/45 [redacted] C R E T

OPREP A No. 511 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
12 January 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 245.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 245 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 1240 hours, 9 January 1945, Lt. White leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. and 7 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a marshalling yard at R-304838. 1 building was destroyed, 12 box cars were destroyed and some damage done to the marshalling yard. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at Z-752877. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1506 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1321 hours, 9 January 1945, Capt. Herrick leading. 11 P47D's took off, 4 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 7 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a cluster of barges at R-549770 with very poor results. 1 x 500 lb. bomb fell on the town of Speyer and produced some black smoke. 6 x 500 lb. bombs and 3 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned in a lake at U-588335. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-549770. Time down at A-96, 1520 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1434 hours, 9 January 1945, Capt. Reiff leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 15 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 W.P. bombs on Rastatt. 6 buildings that appeared to be warehouses were destroyed. Several near misses were scored on a railroad bridge at R-350288. 1 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned at V-4518. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at Rastatt. Time down at A-96, 1645 hours.

B. 1. 33 x P47D's.
2. 28 completed mission.
3. 5
1-C-Radio out.
1-C-Flight indicator out.
1-C-Prop malfunction.
1-C-Rough engine.
1-C-Belly tank failure.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
12 January 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 245.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 1240 hours, 9 January 1945, Lt. White leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. and 7 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a marshalling yard at R-304838. 1 building was destroyed, 12 box cars were destroyed and some damage done to the marshalling yard. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at Z-752877. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1506 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1321 hours, 9 January 1945, Capt. Herrick leading. 11 P47D's took off, 4 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 7 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a cluster of barges at R-549770 with very poor results. 1 x 500 lb. bomb fell on the town of Speyer and produced some black smoke. 6 x 500 lb. bombs and 3 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned in a lake at U-588335. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-549770. Time down at A-96, 1520 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1434 hours, 9 January 1945, Capt. Reiff leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 15 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 W.P. bombs on Rastatt. 6 buildings that appeared to be warehouses were destroyed. Several near misses were scored on a railroad bridge at R-350288. 1 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned at W-4518. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at Rastatt. Time down at A-96, 1645 hours.

B. 1. 33 x P47D's.
2. 28 completed mission.
3. 5
1-C-Radio out.
1-C-Flight indicator out.
1-C-Prop malfunction.
1-C-Rough engine.
1-C-Belly tank failure.

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C. 1. 24 x 75 gallons.
2. 24.

D. 1. 62:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 62,700 x .50 cal.
2. 280.
3. None.

F. 1. 46 x 500 lb. FDX Inst.
21 x 100 lb. W.P.
2. 37 x 500 lb.
16 x 100 lb.
3. 9 x 500 lb.
5 x 100 lb.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

6 buildings destroyed at Rastatt.
1 building destroyed, 12 box cars destroyed, 1 M/Y damaged at R-304838

For the Group Commander:

HENRY [illegible] TZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
9 January 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 9 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2549

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1315 down at 1530. Target M/Y at Rastatt, bomb run to 4000'. T.O.T.1505, 14 hits in target area, 6 boxcars destroyed, 3 damaged, 2 buildings destroyed. 3 rail cuts in yds. Scant LAA at Rastatt, moderate HAA at R-2733. Weather 8/10ths 2000' to 10,000'. 1 A/C did not get off. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb Demo.

Mission 2550

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1320 down at 1505. Target weathered in, dropped bombs from 10,000' at J-1074. T.O.T. 1435, no flak. Weather 10/10ths Bitche area to 10,000', 9/10ths 9000' Strasbourg south. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2551

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1345 down at 1445, jettisoned bombs at J-2823 at 1415. Weather 9/10ths at 3000' target area. 1 A/C ground looped landing, Cat. #2. Bombs exp: none.

Note 4 B	(i)	28	
	(ii)	19	
	(iii)a.	8	
	c.	1	
	(vii)	1 Cat. #1	
		1 Cat. #2	
	(viii)	19	
C	(i)	2	
Note 5 D	(i)	44:45	
Note 6 E	(i)	56,000	
	(ii)	2,160	
Note 7 F	(i)	56 x 500 lb GP	
	(ii)	38 x 500 lb GP	
	(iii)	16 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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11 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 177 for the period ending Sunset 9 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Armed Recce Mission.

A. 10 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frag bomb, dispatched at 1306 hours to perform armed recce in Area 2. Followed route of base to Mutten to Hagenau to Gambsheim to Hagenau to base. Flak: heavy, intense and also light, moderate at R-2922; heavy, moderate, and also light moderate at R-1508; heavy, moderate, and also light, moderate at R-1817. 1 pink burst observed in heavy flak at R-2922. 1 HD artillery seen headed south at R-1508. Squadron was vectored by Elite George to Gambsheim area to look for activity. No activity observed. Told squadron to go to Seltz area but low on gas and could not comply. 4 x 500 GPs and 2 frags were dropped on town at R-2014. NRO, however all hits fell on town and locality was also strafed. 4 x 500 GPs dropped on town at R-125045. No activity, NRO, all hits fell in the town, which also was strafed. 2 x 500 GPs and 1 frag on 3 heavy gun positions, location unknown. 1 position was seen burning and therefore claimed destroyed; two positions damaged; also strafed the gun positions. A town was strafed at R-1508; 1 light gun position was damaged. 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 frag dropped on the town at R-2813. NRO; also strafed town. 6 x 500 # GPs and 3 frag bombs returned to base, low on gas;. 1 frag bomb returned, hung up; 1 P-47 aborted, mechanical, and returned with all its bombs. No E/A encountered; no losses, but 2 P-47s damaged, Cat.1,flak. Time over targets 1350-1430. Time down: 1520. Weather: 8 to 9/10ths, base 2000, tops 3000; 8 to 9/10ths, base, 5000; tops 7000; 8 to 9/10ths base 8500, tops 9,000.

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B. (i) 10 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 6 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Town at R-2014; and Town at R-2813.
Town at R-125045.
On 3 heavy gun positions.
9 A/C strafed the following:-
Town at R-2014.
Town at R-125045.
3 guh positions, heavy.
Town at R-1508.
9 A/C completed mission.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to :-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c abortive, mechanical, high oil pressure.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged, flak, Category 1.
(viii) 9

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 22:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 2,060 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 20 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - nose M126A1; tail M113.
10 x 260 # Frag bombs, fused - tail, M113.
(ii) 12 GPs and 6 Frag bombs, expended as follows:-
4 GPs and 2 Frags on town at R-2014.
4 GPs on town at R-125045. also 1 Frag bomb.
2 GPs and 1 Frag on 3 heavy gun positions.
2 GPs and 1 Frag on town at R-2814.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
8 x 500 # GP bombs returned to base.
5 x 260 # Frag bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 6 . Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

17. Other Claims,
Bombed and strafed towns.

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4. (2). Operation No.: A.O. 16. Close support mission.

A. 7 P-47s of 366th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 100 # WP bomb, dispatched at 1435 hours on close support mission. Followed route of Base of Hagenau to 15 miles E. of Bischweiller to base. Flak was heavy, meager and light, meager at R-1511. Fires were observed in Germersheim. Contacted Elite who told squadron to recce area around Selz. At R-1181, squadron was bounced by 10 Me-109s with fixed tail wheels. Squadron was at 9000 ft; E/A at 15,000 ft. Another 10 plus Me-109s stayed up at 15,000 ft. and circled. Attack coordinated with flak. Prior to bouncing, heavy flak broke up formation, then E/A bounced. All bombs jettisoned when bounced. E/A had white spinners with 2 or 3 black stripes, and underside of fuselage was light blue. Our aircraft could not out climb them. After dogfight, E/A fled East into overcast. Dogfight took place from 9,000 to 1,000 feet. Claim 5 Me-109s destroyed, with credit of 1 each to Lt Test, Lt Jones, Lt Stepanek, Lt Kilpatrick, and Lt Birnie. 2 P-47s were damaged, 1 in Cat. 1, as a result of E/A, and 1 in Cat. 2 as a result of flak. No other E/A encountered; no further claims, no losses. T.O.T. 1440 to 1545 hours. Time down: 1615 hours. Weather: 10/10 multi layered, base 1,000 ft., tops 8,000 ft., visibility above unlimited, 6 miles below.

B. (i) 7 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 7 A/C bounced by E/A, Claim 5 Me-109s destroyed, 7 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged, 1 in Cat 1, as a result of E/A; and 1 in Cat. 2, as a result of flak.
(viii) 7

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 13:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 16,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 8,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 14 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - M113.
7 x 100 # WP bombs, fused - M126,; Burster M4.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 14 x 500 # GP bombs jettisoned.
7 x 100 # WP bombs jettisoned.
(iv) Nil

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G. Nil

H. (i) 5 E/A (Me-109s) destroyed, in air, by:-
1 Me-109 by 1st Lt Joe W. Test, O-701823, 366th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by 2nd Lt Henry H. Jones, O-807571, 366th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by 2nd Lt S.J. Stepanek, O-715051, 366th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by R.L. Kilpatrick, 1st Lt, O-766558, 366th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by 2nd Lt Richard Birnie, O-708316, 366th Squadron.

(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

I. Nil

4.(3). Operation No.: A.O. 17 and 18. Close support and armed recce missions.

A. 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GPs and 1 x 100 # WP bombs, dispatched at 1447 hours to perform close support and armed recce of areas of Bouxviller to Mutten, Pirmasens, Landau, Fishback to Base. Followed route of base to Bouxville to Hagenau to Weissenbourg to Rastatt to Base. Flak was light, moderate, inaccurate at Rasttat; heavy, moderate, inaccurate at R-2050. Weather forced Squadon to bomb first opportune target which was the M/Y at Rastatt. M/Y was 1/4 full. 20 GPs and 10 WPs were dropped on the M/Y at Rastatt. Squadron had a good concentration but weather prevented further observation. Claim M/Y damaged. 2 GPs and 1 WP on M/Y at Baden Baden, 3 bldgs destroyed by direct hits. No E/A encountered, no losses; no further claims. Time over targets 1600 hours, time down 1658 hours. Weather: target, 7 to 8/10ths, base 2000, tops 5000, vis. 4 miles.

8 P-47s of 366th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 7 a/c each carrying 1 x 100 # WP bomb, dispatched at 1310 hours to perform close support and armed recce, following route of Base to Bouxweiller to Mutten to Pirmasens, to Landau, to Fischbach to base. Flak was light and moderate also heavy, weak at R-8854. S. of Landau it was observed that the roads were cleared of snow, leading to the conclusion that they had evidently been used recently and frequently. A/D at Germersheim appeared unused. Elite was contacted but did not have target and told squadron to recce NE of Bitche. 10/10(recce) cloud, so went on recce. M/Y at R-8854 was bombed with 16 x 500 and 7 x 100 # WP bombs. 75 box cars and gondolas were seen in the yard. 2 hits on a bldg which is claimed destroyed. 4 bombs missed the M/Y and 10 hit in the yard. Claim 20 cars destroyed and 1 M/Y damaged. No E/A encountered, no losses; no further claims; Time over target 1335-1430 hours; time down; 1515 hours. Weather: 10/10ths E. Of Landau, multi-layered, base 1000, tops 10,000, unlimited above. 8/10 East, base 1000, tops 10,000.

B. (i) 19 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on the M/Y at Rastatt.
1 A/C dropped bombs on the M/Y at Baden Baden.
8 A/C dropped bombs on the M/Y at R-8854.
19 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 19

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 42:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 45,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,415 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 38 x 500 # GP bombs, fused tail, M113.
18 x 100 # WP bombs, fused nose, M126A1, Burster, M4.
(ii) 38 GPs and 18 WPs expended as follows:-
20 GPs and 10 WPs on M/Y at Rastatt.
2 GPs and 1 WP at Baden Baden M/Y.
16 GPs and 7 WPs on M/Y at R-8854.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 20
c) Damaged, 2

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4

14. M/Y,
c) Damaged, 2

Weather prevented further observation.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

10 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref :

Oprep A No. 82 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Wright, took off at 1342 to perform an Armed Recce in the areas of Landau, Neustadt, Bad Kreusnack - Sprendlingen and Durkheim. Sq. aborted NW Strassburg due to weather. Sq. contacted "Baggage" and reported weather. 22 x 500 jet safe at Z-7090 in woods. 10/10 3,500 - 8,000' in recce area and W enroute. Sq. returned at 1517.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) Nil
(iii) (a) 11, (b), (c), and (d) NIL
(iv) to (viii) NIL

C. (i) 11 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 11 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 20:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G., H., & I. NIL

Oprep A No. 83 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Helderness, took off at 1305 to D/B bridge at Ottenheim at W-0078 and perform armed recce in the areas of Landau, Neustadt, Bad Kreusnack, and Durkheim. Bridge not attacked due to weather so Sq. recced areas. 24 x 500 on approx. 40 boxcars at R-250045. 14 near-

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Oprep A No. 83 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 January 1945, (Cont'd).

A. misses, 10 direct hits. 10 boxcars destroyed, 10 damaged, 1 railcut. Flak encountered at R-2018 R-3040, and W-1395. Enroute weather was 10/10 1500-9000' in layers. A big break was in the recce area where the vis. was 4-6 miles. T.O.T. 1335-1515, T.D. 1545.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 19:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) to (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 10
(C) 10
11. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 84 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster, took off at 1335 to D/B bridge at Ottenheim W-0078 and perform armed recce in areas of Landau, Neustadt, Bad Kreusnack, and Durkheim. Sq. did not attack primary target due to weather. 20 x 500 (also strafing) on 1 engine and 40 boxcars, 15 separate boxcars, stationary facing S at R-276087. 5 direct hits. 6 box cars damaged. Moderate accurate heavy flak encountered at R-209140 and R-152116; also meager, accurate, heavy at Buhl. along the Rhine river 10/10 at 6000', vis. 4 miles, over target 9/10 at 6,000' T.O.T. 1420, T.D. 1510

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL (c) 1-Landing Gear-failed to retract.
(iv) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 10

C. (i) 11 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 11 - 75 " " "

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Oprep A No. 84 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 January 1945, (Cont'd).

D.	(i)	18:15 hours.
	(ii)	Nil
E.	(i)	27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
	(ii)	680 " " "
	(iii)	Nil
F.	(i)	22 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
	(ii)	20 x 500 " " " " "
	(iii)	2 x 500 " " " " "
	(iv)	Nil
G. and H.		NIL
I.	4.	(A) 6
		(C) 10

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 9 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - LOCAL WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 9 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Korbin, Jr. 1st Lt. AC
Signature

FOR ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.O.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.O.O.R.)

From: 111th TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 85 for 24 hours ending sunset, 9 January, '45. [redacted]

No operations due to weather.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

9 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov.)

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A No. 116 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 9 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 289 (TR/11/9/17)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1315-1420. To weather recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1335-1400. WEATHER: 10/10 top 2,000 feet.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii) Abortive due to weather. (iv-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

WILLIAMS, Act'g S-3,
FOR WARE, CO.

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Form 34A.

To: A.C. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 300)

From: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

Operational No: 204 for 24 hours ending sunset
- 9 January 1945

Letter L.O. - 24/24A

a. 1 A-24, Frc. 1430A to 1619A. To photo target: A/F at Kaiserlautern, Worms A/F, Mannheim A/F, Heidelberg A/F, Neustadt A/F, Speyer A/F, and Kaiserlautern and R/Lines A-913000 to A-111002. Objectives Hit: Nil Other Acts: Nil Flak: Nil Enemy: Nil Weather Encountered: Neustadt A/F and Speyer A/F. Results Obtained: Good. Area Over Which: 1410A to 1430A Operated: Controlls at 16,000 Ft., Mission partially successful. (Wallace-O. Bosworth, 1st. Lt.).

b. 2 A-24, (ii) 1 attacking target: Kaiserlautern A/F, Worms, A/F, Mannheim A/F, Heidelberg A/F, Neustadt A/F, Speyer A/F, Kaiserlautern Area. and R/ lines A-913000 to A-111002.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil
d. 1 hr. 45 minutes
e. Nil

f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Nil

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U. S. A. A. F.
Form 54A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APPLYTIOT 26 500)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. ARMY

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Operation "A" No: 204 for 24 hours ending sunset
9 January 1945

(133107 U.S. - 31/3285)

A. 1 F-5A, from 1450A to 1640A. To photo target: Dumps at A-229047, A-233552, Landau A/F, Germersheim A/F, Bruchsall A/F, Karlsruhe A/F, Rastatt A/F. OPPOSITION: Five (5) miles East of Karlsruhe, three (3) Me-109's were chasing a Fw. 190's heading East at 14,000 ft., ANTI-AIR: Nil ANTI-FLAK: Nil RESULTS: Bruchsall A/F, Karlsruhe A/F, Rastatt A/F, RADIO OPERATION: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1550A to 1600A. REMARKS: Not informed. Mission partially successful. (Lawrence L. Schmidt., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5A, (ii) Attacking target: Dumps at 229047, A-229552, Landau A/F, Germersheim A/F, Bruchsall A/F, Karlsruhe A/F, Rastatt A/F, (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 Hr. 50 Minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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U. S. A. A. F.
Form 34a.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION: S6 S00)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep Nat. No: 284 for 24 hours ending sunset
7 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3206

a. 1 F-5-, From 1430A to 1605A. To photo target: Block Coverage: ↓-3087 to ↓-3084 to R-1060 to R-1046, to ↓-8037 to ↓-7054, to ↓-5256 to ↓-2477 to ↓-3087. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Four (4) bursts of heavy inaccurate flak over Zweibrucken at 15,600 ft., PHOTOS: Area: R-1748 - R-4334 - R-1234 - R-1065 - V-9870 - R-0600 - R-2025 - R-0945. RADIO COMMUNICATION: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1510A to 1525A. REMARKS: Extreme haze in target area. Strato cumulus at 18,000ft contrails from 16,000 to 21,000 ft., Mission partially successful. (Joe, (WLT) Lemcke, 2nd. Lt.)

b. (i) F-5-, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: ↓-3087 to ↓-3084 to R-1060 to R-1046 to ↓-8037 to ↓-7054 to ↓-5256 to ↓-2477 to ↓-3087. (iii) Nil (iv) nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil
d. 1 Hr. 35 Minutes
e. Nil
f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/9/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 512 for the 24 hours ending Sunset January 9, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of poor weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major A C ,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
14 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 246.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 246 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 January 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0812 hours, 10 January 1945, Lt. Borges leading. 11 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron was ordered to Egg Basket, southwest of Kaiserlautern. 14 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped with unobserved results. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 0952 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0821 hours, 10 January 1945, Lt. Jaskot leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 3 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a train at L-8635. 1 railcut was scored, 1 building destroyed, 20 rail cars damaged. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 3 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a train at Q-8791 destroying 1 locomotive, 8 railroad cars and damaging 4 RR cars. Squadron strafed a number of trucks at Q-9188 destroying 3 trucks, 1 building, and damaging 4 trucks. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 1 100 lb. W.P. bombs on an ammunition dump at Q-934749. 4 direct hits destroyed 1 building. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-9894, Q-8693 and Q-8570. Time down at A-96, 1015 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1122 hours, 10 January 1945, Capt. Reese leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs on a locomotive at W-1790. All bombs missed target but locomotive was destroyed by strafing. 1 railcut was scored at W-1790. Squadron dropped 7 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a concentration of tanks, trucks and half-tracks in woods at V-9856. 8 trucks were destroyed but haze prevented an accurate estimate of damage. 15 trucks and 5 tanks were probably destroyed. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was jettisoned at W-1568 damaging 1 house and destroying 1 house. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Offenburg. Time down at A-96, 1029 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1116 hours, 10 January 1945, Lt. Hutzenberger leading. 11 P47D's took off, aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on a town at W-110410 destroying 5 buildings and damaging 2 trucks and 1 warehouse. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs on a railroad crossing at W-061480. All were near misses with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at W-110410. Time down at A-96, 1253 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1148 hours, 10 January 1945, Major Finnegan leading. 14 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Squadron strafed and destroyed 1 oil truck and 3 horse drawn vehicles at Q-870705. Squadron dropped 18 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs at Q-836682 destroying 6 oil trucks, 1 horse drawn vehicle, damaging 6 oil trucks. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned at Q-8066. Small arms fire was encountered at Q-836682. Time down at A-96, 1338 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1156 hours, 10 January 1945, Capt. Goode leading. 12 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. and 5 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a small group of buildings at V-971787. Some tanks were in this area. 1 building was destroyed, 2 buildings damaged. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at U-4718. 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bomb was returned to base. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at V-9382. Time down at A-96, 1338 hours.
A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1444 hours, 10 January 1945, Lt. Mesropian leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. bombs on cross roads at Freistatt. 25 buildings were destroyed and thick black smoke belched from the town. 1 road block was scored also in the town. No flak encountered. Time down, 1620 hours.
A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1450 hours, 10 January 1945, Major Riggin leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a concentration of vehicles in woods at V-918748. All bombs fell in target area but no results were observed. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs at V-017697. 2 large explosions resulted and 3 large fires. 10 buildings were destroyed and 6 damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at V-905725. Time down at A-96, 1656 hours.

B. 1. 101 x P47D's.
2. 95.
3. 6.
1-C-Cylinder head out.
1-C-Radio out.
1-C-Tachometer out.
1-C-Landing gear out.
2-D-Escort to above.
4 and 5, None.
6. 2 P47D's were hit by small arms fire and crashed at Q-871338.
7. 2 CAT 1 - Flak.
8. 96 sorties.

C. 1. 41 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 41.

D. 1. 183:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 191,900 x .50 cal.
2. 21,910.
3. None.

F. 1. 140 x 500 lb. RDX Inst.
35 x 100 lb. W.P.
2. 134 x 500 lb.
33 x 100 lb. W.P.
3. 6 x 500 lb.
2 x 100 lb. W.P.
4. None.

G. 2nd Lt. ROBERT H. HURST, KIA. Aircraft was hit by small arms fire and crashed at Q-871338.

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H. None.
I. Other Claims - On Ground.

1 railcut, 1 building destroyed, 20 RR cars damaged at L-8635.
1 locomotive destroyed, 8 RR cars destroyed, 4 RR cars damaged at Q-8791.
3 trucks destroyed, 4 trucks damaged, 1 building destroyed at Q-9188.
1 building destroyed at Q-934749.
1 locomotive destroyed at W-1790.
1 railcut at W-1790.
8 trucks destroyed, 15 trucks and 5 tanks probably destroyed at W-9856.
5 buildings destroyed, 2 trucks and 1 warehouse damaged at W-110410.
1 oil truck and 3 horse drawn vehicles destroyed at Q-870705.
6 oil trucks destroyed, 1 horse drawn vehicle destroyed and 6 oil trucks damaged at Q-836682.
1 building destroyed, 2 buildings damaged at V-971787.
25 buildings destroyed, 1 road block at Freistatt.
10 buildings destroyed, 6 buildings damaged at W-017697.

For the Group Commander:

Henry B. Lyon
Major, A.C.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEAD QUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
10 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 10 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374
U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2552

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1325 down at 1525. Target, Ammo dump at R-290649. T.O.T. 1410, bomb run to 3500' with 2 hits SE of target destroying 2 buildings, 14 hits in target area, destroying 6 buildings, 2 hits on RR causing rail cut at R-280654. Scant LAA & HAA at Landau, scant HAA at R-1856. Weather 10/10ths base 7000' Rhine Valley. CAVU at target. 1 A/C crashed on takeoff. Pilot unhurt. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb Demo.

Mission 2553

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1340 down at 1525, target Ammo Dump at R-290649. T.O.T. 1430, bomb run to 2500', with 24 hits in target area. Destroyed 1 building. Scant HAA at Wissenberg, intense LAA at target. Weather 5/10ths to 6/10ths in layers from 4000' to 7000'. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb Demo.

Mission 2554

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1310 down at 1525. Target, artillery pieces at Q-857694. T.O.T. 1410, bomb run to 1000', 14 hits in gun areas, guns believed destroyed, 2 hits NE of target. 3 A/C strafed in dive. Strafed loco & 25 boxcars at R-350697, damaged loco, 10 boxcars & 1 building. Attacked at R-5243 at 1445 by E/ac. 1 P-47 shot down. Lt. Nunnally M.I.A. Moderate inaccurate LAA at Q-7369 and Karlsruhe, also flak at R-3042. Weather 10/10ths 7000' to 7500' on Recce area, Landau and Bitche area clear. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb Demo.

Note 4 B	(i)	31	Note 7 F	(i) 62 x 500 lb Demo
	(ii)	29		(ii) 58 x 500 lb Demo
	(iii) c.	1		(iv) 4 x 500 lb Demo
	d.	1		
	(vi)	1	Note 8 G	1 M.I.A.
	(vii)	1 Cat. #3		
	(viii)	29		
Note 5 D	(i)	56:45		
Note 6 E	(i)	62,000		
	(ii)	4,860		
	(iii)	2,000		

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

EG/5

12 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 65-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 178 for the period ending Sunset 10 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Armed Recce Mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 100 # WP bombs, dispatched at 0833 on A/R, Mutten, Pirmasens, Landau, Wissembourg. Route flown: Base to Mutten to Rhine River, South to Offenburg to Gengenbach (W-2719) to base. Flak was light, moderate at Offenburg. Sqdn contacted Baggage who told them that weather was bad over recce area and vectored them to the Rhine River and South down to Offenburg, M/Y, which the Sqdn bombed with 24 x 500 # GP bombs and 12 x 100 WP bombs. M/Y was half-full and there was a good concentration of bombs. As a result of bombing, M/Y damaged and 1 bldg destroyed by direct hit. Fires were started in the M/Y and squadron also strafed M/Y in dive but WP prevented further observation. 5 M/T were destroyed by strafing at W-1979. 7 box cars were damaged by strafing at W-2179 and 1 barracks damaged at the same location. One loco and 7 cars were damaged at W-2387. This was small M/Y with one locomotive seen in M/Y. No E/A encountered; no losses; no further claims. Time over target; 0925-1005 hours. Time down: 1042 hours. Weather: target area, 5/10s, base 7500, tops 7800, vis. good.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at Offenburg.
12 A/C strafed M/Y at Offenburg; 5 M/Ts at W-1979; 7 box cars at W-2179.
12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 25:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,770 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - tail M113.
12 x 100 # WP bombs, fused - nose M126, Burster, M4.
(ii) 24 GPs and 12 WPs bombs dropped on M/Y at Offenburg.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 5

3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
c) Damaged, 14

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 1

Further observations were prevented because of WP bombs.

4.(2). Operations No.: A.O. 16, 17,18,19,20,21 and 22. Armed Recce and Close Support Missions.

A. 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron, carrying 22 x 500 # GP bombs, 7 x 100 # WP bombs and 4 x 260 # Frag bombs, dispatched at 0840 hours to perform A/R and C/S mission, following route of Base-Bouxwiller-Strasbourg-Offenburg-target-V-985555-base. Flak was moderate, light and moderate, heavy at V-985555; moderate, light at V-985555. At W-1278, 30 box cars, 1 flat car, 1 oil car seen. At W-051955, one half of a pontoon bridge seen on West bank of Rhine. At W-0984, 15-20 M/Ts seen parked. On road south from here, 10-15 M/Ts seen headed south. RR between Offenburg and Dillingen tracks covered by snow, appeared inactive. At V-985555, 1 gasoline explosion observed, from previous squadron bombing. Elite said weather was bad in the original recce area. Baggage vectored us to Offenburg area where Starry-Eye was attacking tanks. 50 tanks, headed W and NW. 4 GPs and 2 frags were dropped at V-985555 on what appeared to be tanks

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and M/Ts, but NRO. 4 GPs and 2 frags dropped at V-896542. Bombs in woods and on the road, and strafed 25-30 tanks on road. Claim 12 damaged. No fires observed. 14 GPs and 7 WPs observed at V-975555, hits in woods and along roads. 3 or 4 bombs landed 30 feet from tanks and 1 tank destroyed. Area heavily strafed. At V-024582, where 35 box cars and flat cars were observed, 30 damaged by strafing. No E/A encountered, no other claims; no losses, 1 P-47 damaged, Cat, 1, flak. T.O.T. 0930-1015 hours. Time down 1050 hours. Weather: Overtarget area, heavy fog, 2000 ft, 10/10 base 7,000 tops 9,000 ft; also over target area; 10/10, base 6,500 ft and tops 7,500 ft, visibility 10 miles.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs, 8 x 1 x WP and 4 x 1 x frags, dispatched at 1005 on C/S and A/R. Route flown: Base to W-0550 to base. Worked directly with "Baggage" who vecotred Squadron directly into target at W-0746, 50 plus tanks parked and dispersed throughout woods and in groups of 10, noses pointing SW. Dropped 24 x 500 # GP bombs, 7 x 1 WP, 4 x 1 frags at W-0746, good bomb hits observed, NRO due to smoke. E/A. Observed 10 plus A/C not definitely identified by recognition but by formation and action looked like enemy V-8585 at 8,000 feet at 1120. Headed West and turned North when chased went into the clouds. 1 WP returned, failed to release. Baggage vectored 2 other squadrons to target after we left Discharge and Hepburn. Flak: W-0746 intense, light and heavy. W-0746. At W-1035 moderate, heavy, Freiburg. W-1047 weak heavy. Weather: Slight ground fog very thin and patchy, 7500-8000 broken layer of strata cumulus. Visibility above clouds CAVU below 8 miles. Time over target 1030-1115. Time down 1139.

10 P-47s of 365th Squadron, dispatched at 1245 hours, carrying 20 x 500 # GP bombs, 7 x 100 WP bombs, and 3 x 260 # frag bombs, to perform A/R and C/S mission. Followed route of Base-Bouxviller-Pirmasens-Zweibrucken-Pirmasens-Landau-Wissembourg-Fishback-area-base. Flak was heavy, moderate, also light, intense at Q-728739, and light moderate at Q-7645. At Q-699788, 3 strings of boxcars were observed, comprising approximately 70 cars, but no locomotives and no activity and with snow covered tracks. In vicinity of Q-8548, horse drawn carts and MTs were seen moving E and NW. At Q-7856, MTs and Md vehicles were also seen moving S. At Q-728739, 18 x 500 GPs and 3 frags and 6 WPs were dropped on a supply dump. All hits were in the target area. All bldgs appeared to be on fire. One large explosion occurred from which rose black, oily smoke, to a height of 1200 ft. Supply area appeared destroyed. Claims of 7 bldgs destroyed and 7 damaged. 2 x 500 GP bombs and 1 WP bomb dropped at Q-845459 where 4 tanks were parked. Direct hit on one tank and claim same destroyed. No E/A encountered, no other claims; 1 P-47 damaged Cat 1. T.O.T. 1305-1355 hours. Time down: 1445 hours. Weather: 8/10 cloud, 7,000 ft., visibility 10 miles.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 4 x 260 frags plus 8 WPs dispatched at 1250 on C/S and A/R, Bouxviller, Mutten, Pirmasens, Landau, Wissembourg, Fishback, Alternate target Q-916720. Route flown: Base to

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Bouxviller to target, recce of Pirmasens area back to base. Squadron flew to Bouxviller and contacted "Elite" who told them to go on their recce. Squadron bombed stores dump at Q-916720. 24 GPs and 7 WPs, 4 frags on stores dump at Q-916720. Excellent concentration dump still burning 1/2 hr later when squadron left that area. Claim stores dump destroyed. By strafing: 6 MTs dest at R-6583; 1 Mt dest at Q-9376; 2 MTs dest at R-0163 - All moving south. 1 MT dam at Q-9376, 1 MT dam at R-6583, 60 box cars dam at R-0167, Flight of 4 made 4 strafing passes. 15 box cars dam at R-0167, facing East. 1 loco and 8 cars dam at Q-9869, heading West. 5 MTs dam at R-0467, heading West. 4 Germans dest at R-6583. German equipment including MT and some tanks moving South on secondary roads approx 4 miles East of Pirmasens. This information was called into Baggage. Diesel engine at R-0167 facing East. 1 WP returned. E/A nil. Flak: Heavy, scant, inaccurate Bitche. Light, moderate, inaccurate Q-8053. Time over target 1340-1410. Weather: Target area, cloudy, 9/10s, base 8,000 to 10,000 visibility 8 miles. Time down 1458.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron, carrying 24 x 500 # GP bombs, and 11 x 260 # Frag bombs, dispatched at 1307 to perform close support and armed recce mission. Followed route of base-Bitche-Landau-Lauterberg-Offenburgh-Emmendimgen-Base. Flak was moderate, light and also weak, heavy at W-020505. Contacted Elite and was told to go to A/T and attempted to do so, but weather was bad. Conducted armed recce of Rhine River and RR on East Bank from Lauterberg to Emmendingen. Observations at various points were as follows: at W-0150, 3 bridge, 1 RR, 1 concrete, 1 pontoon. At V-998550, 1 pontoon which looks like recent construction; W-042485, permanent bridge. Three large M/Ts seen moving East into Riegel at V-990494. 2 GPs dropped at V-998550; no hits and no claims. 14 GP bombs and 7 frags dropped on concrete bridge at W-0150; Claim North approach to bridge was damaged. Also strafed this position. 8 GP bombs and 4 frag bombs dropped on RR bridge at W-0150. There were 2 or more direct hits. The bridge was cut in the middle and at both ends. 1 Jet E/A seen spotting off 8 E/A at 15,000 ft, circling into the sun in the area of Bischweiler. Jet circled and seemed to be in contact with others. When our A/C turned into them, they turned and finally went due East. Did not attack. No other E/A encountered, no other claims, no losses. Time over target, 1350-1450. Time down: 1520 hours. Weather: Rhine Valley, CAVU. Armed recce area: 10/10, 5,500 bottom, tops 6,500, few breaks.

10 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 500 GP bombs and 1 x 260 # frag bomb, dispatched at 1540 hours to perform close support and armed recce mission. Followed route of base to Bouxviller, Pirmasens, Bitche, Rimlingen (Q-655553) to base. Flak was intense, light at Q-6555 and scant, heavy at Q-6356. Arthur Baker vectored squadron to Rimlingen, marked by violet smoke. All GP bombs and 9 frag bombs dropped in town, with good concentration. Squadron also made 2 strafing passes. Specific

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damage not observed. 1 light flak gun (quadruple 20mm)strafed at Q-6556 and claimed damaged. 1 frag bombed returned to base, hung up. No E/A encountered; no losses; 1 P-47 damaged: Cat. 1; flak. Time over target 1600-1645 hours. Time down: 1710 hours. Weather 10/10, base 6,000, tops 7,000, visibility good.

B. (i) 79 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 11 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
V-985555 tanks and M/Ts
V-896542 tanks on road
V-975555 tanks on road and woods
Also heavily strafed areas where bombs were dropped.
At V-024582 35 box cars and flat cars strafed.
12 a/c dropped bombs in woods at W-0746, on tanks.
10 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
Supply dump at Q-728739.
tanks at Q-845459.
12 a/c dropped bombs on stores dump at Q-916720.
Also strafed the following:
6 MTs at R-6583
1 MT at Q-9376
2 MTs at R-0163
1 MT at Q-9376
1 MT at R-6583
60 box cars at R-0167
1 loco and 8 cars at Q-9869
5 MTs at R-0467
4 germans at R-6583
12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
Pontoon bridge at V-998550
Concrete bridge at W-0150
RR bridge at W-0150
Also strafed position at W-0150
10 a/c dropped bombs on town of Rimlingen (Q-655553)
Also made two strafing passes on town
Strafed quadruple 20mm at Q-6556
11 a/c dropped bombs on M/Y and RR bridge at Rastatt
1 a/c dropped bombs 10 mi E of Saarbourg
2 flak positions at target strafed
79 a/c completed mission.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 a/c damaged: 1 a/c Cat: 1, flak; 1 a/c Cat: 1, flak; 1 a/c Cat: 1, flak.
(viii) ~~97~~ 77

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

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D. (i) 162:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 189,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 41,550 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 158 - 500 # GP bombs, fused - nose, M113
47 - 260 # Frag bombs, fused - nose, M103, tail, M100A2
30 - 100 # WP bombs, fused - Nose, M126, Burster, M4
(ii) 156 GPs, 45 Frags, and 28 WPs expended as follows:-
4 GPs and 2 Frags on tanks at V-985555
4 GPs and 2 Frags on tanks atV -896542
14 GPs and 7 WPs on tanks at V-975555
24 GPs and 7 WPs and 4 Frags on woods at W-0746
18 GPs and 6 WPs and 3 Frags on supply dump at Q-728739
2 GPs and 1 WP on 4 tanks at Q-845459
24 GPs and 7 WPs and 4 Frags on stores dump at Q-916720
14 GPs and 7 Frags on concrete bridge at W-0150
2 GPs on pontoon bridge at V-998550
8 GPs and 4 Frags on RR bridge at W-0150
20 GPs and 9 Frags on Rimlingen (Q-655553) NRO
22 GPs and 11 Frags on M/Y and RR bridge at Rastatt
(iii) 2 GPs and 1 Frag jettisoned 10 mi E of Saarbourg
(iv) 2 WPs and 1 Frag returned to base

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. I. Military Transportation
a) 9
c) 7
2. Armored Vehicles and Tanks
a) 1
c) 13
3. Locomotives
c) 1
4. Railroad Cars
a) 10
c) 83
5. Bridges
c) 3
6. Gun Emplacements
c) 3
7. Dumps
a) 2
9. Factories and Buildings
a) 10
c) 7
11. Railroads Cut
a) 2

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17. Other
a) 4 Germans
c) 1 Deisel Engine

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

11 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 85 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 1040 on a close support mission with Atkin or to hit alternate target, a supply dump at R-564456. Sq. contacted "Adkin" who didn't need support. "Baggage" assigned target of tanks at the tip of woods at W-0746. 23 x 500 and 7 x 100 dropped on tanks at W-0746. 5 tanks destroyed, 2 damaged. 1 x 500 dropped on tracks at W-0946, near miss. 1 x 100 dropped on Mahlbergmiss. Scant inaccurate heavy at W-0842, moderate accurate light at W-0547. 10/10 stratus cumulus at 6,000'. Vis. 2 miles, good at target. T.O.T. 1140, T.D. 1228.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 24:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 880 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail; 8x100 WP M126A1 ND.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " 8x100 " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 2. (A) 5
(C) 2

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Oprep A No. 86 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 60 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Wagner, took off at 1205 on a food dropping mission to French troops at Obenheim, V-965733. 12 parachute bags and 16 wing tanks with supplies (medical bags, food, ammo) dropped on Obenheim as briefed. All wing tanks and approximately 10 parabags believed to have landed in town. Others appeared to have landed within 1 mile S and SW of the town. Several white smoke pot markers were observed on perimeter of town. Scant inaccurate heavy flak encountered at V-9868. 10/10 stratus cumulus at 6,000' W of Selestadt, however, a hole over the target was CAVU. T.O.T. 1230, T.D. 1321. A TWX message was received saying "Following message received by phone at this Headquarters (XII TAC) from Second French Corps Pd Quote Very well pleased with supply drop Pd Wish to Thank American Air Force Unquote Pd. Good Show.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 15 "
(iii) (a), (c), and (d) NIL; (b) 1-Pilot Error-Pilot mistook graphite on windshield to be oil leaks.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 15

C. NIL

D. (i) 23:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 34,000 rds. 80 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 14 x A-5 containers #1 parachute. 18 x 150 Gal Wing tanks-medical bags food and ammo.
(ii) 14 x A-5 and 18 x 150 (Same as above).
(iii) 2 x 150 (Same as above).
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL

H. and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 87 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Delaney, took off at 1306 on a close support mission with "Atkin" sent the Squadron to Saarguimines area but weather was too bad, so Squadron sent to the alternate target. 24 x 500 and 10 x 100 dropped on supply dump at R-564456 with 6 x 500 and 3 x 100 were direct hits on buildings in area. 2 hits were on largest buildings in area. 3 buildings damaged. 1 railcut just S of target. 1 x 100 dropped on the highway bridge at W-2272. Bridge was hit. 1 x 100 jettisoned safe 2 miles W of Y-1. 15 coal cars strafed at W-2474, no claim. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Karlsruhe. 10/10 stratus cumulus at 5,000' at Saareguemines, 3-5 miles vis. in Rhine valley, ceiling unlimited. T.O.T. 1335, T.D. 1445.

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Oprep A No. 87 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945, (Cont'd).

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 24:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 752 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 12 x 100 W.P. M126A1 ND.
(ii) 24 x 500 and 11 x 100 (Same as above).
(iii) 1 x 100 W.P. M126A1 ND.
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL.

I. 7. (C) 1
9. (C) 6.
11. (A) 1.

Oprep A No. 88 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1355 on a close support missionwith "Atkin C" assigned enemy strongpoint at Q-633550. 24 x 500 and 8 x 100 WP dropped in target area with at least 5 direct hits among buildings and other hits in area marked with smoke. All buildings showed previous damage, from artillery. Strafed and left several fires among buildings. 1 M/T strafed and destroyed moving S at R-443145, 1 M/T strafed and destroyed moving SW at W-4891. Flak encountered at Q-633550, R-430070, and Bitche. Enroute, 10/10 stratus cumulus from 6-7,000'. Target area, 2/10 cumulus from 6-7,000', vis 3-5 miles. T.O.T. 1420-1545, T.D. 1610.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 27:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

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Oprep A No. 88 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945, (Cont'd).

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 4,950 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 8x100 W.P. M126A1 ND.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " 8x100 " " "
(iii) and (IV) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 2.

Oprep A No. 89 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 1432 on a close support mission with "Atkin". Sq. contacted "Atkin" who assigned target of town or Rimling at Q-6555 and was marked with red smoke. 24 x 500 and 9 x 100 W.P. dropped in town. Town also strafed, NRO. 3 x 100 WP Jet. in lake at Q-4227. Scant inaccurate light flak encountered over target. 10/10 cumulus at 6,000' N of Target, over target, CAVU. T.O.T. 1450-1510, T.D. 1544.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) Nil.
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 16:25 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 400 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant, 12 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " 9 x 100 " "
(iii) 3 x 100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. H., and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 90 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 60 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Wagner, took off at 1446 to drop supplies to the French troops at Obenheim at V-965733. 8 parabags and 2 wing tanks of supplies dropped on Obenheim as briefed. All chutes opened and all supplies landed in town. Chutes were dropped from 200'. Scant, inaccurate light at V-9773. 9/10 stratus cumulus from 6-7,000' enroute, haze to 5,000', vis 5 miles over target. T.O.T. 1505, T.D. 1534.

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B. (i) 5 P-47's
(ii) 5 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 5

C. NIL

D. (i) 5:55 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 10,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 8 - A-5 Parachute containers, 2 - 150 Gal Wing tanks Food Medical Supplies and ammo.
(ii) 8 - A-5 and 2 - 150 Gal. tanks (Same as above);
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 10 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - LOCAL WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 10 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

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d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Hoskin, Jr. (1st Lt A.C.)
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FOR ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23 rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111th TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Opsep 'A' No. 86 for 24 hours ending sunset, 10 January, '45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3618, TR/16/10/5.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1445-1655. To recce and photo in Breisach-Neuenberg-Freiburg-Villingen-Offenburg-Strassbourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 20 MT stationary facing north V-8546-V-8551 at 1520 hrs..called to controller. 2 MT mvg. west at V-8339. 1 MT mvg. east into Freiburg. 1 locomotives with steam up in Freiburg M/Yl train with 25 plus cars mvg. west at W-3524, mostly boxcars with several flat cars loaded. 1 train with 30 cars..all boxcars mvg. west at W-4523. 3 locomotives with steam up Donaueschingen M/Y (W-5728). 1 switch engine with one empty flat car and 3 boxcars pulling off siding at Villingen. 1 MT mvg. NW at W-5344. 1 MT north at W-1793. No bridges seen between Strassbourg and Breisach. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at V-8520. PHOTOS: Sent to 7th Army for interpretation. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500-1635. WEATHER: 10/10 6-7000' Colmar. Rhine valley very hazy.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's.from(ii) 2 attacking Breisach-Strassbourg. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
D. 4 hrs 20 mins. F. Nil.
G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION. OPERATIONS NO. 3619, TR/1/10/1. NO MISSION.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1530-1600.
B. (i) 2 F6 C 's. (iii) Abortive due to engine trouble. (iv)-(viii) Nil.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 1 hr. E. 2200 rds of .50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
Captain. A.C.
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

10 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 117 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 10 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 290 (TR/7/10/12)

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 1515-1620. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Bridge serviceable at Pfortz. No serviceable bridges between Lauterbourg and Strassbourg. Serviceable bridge across tributary at R2421. ENEMY AIR: 2 ME-109's, 5 miles N of Rostatt at 100 feet headed NE at 1540 bot h destroyed by Lt. Louden. Dark grey with 2 white stripes in front of vertical stabilizer. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-H Landau. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA:1530-1610. WEATHER: 8/10 scud Area B-5000 feet.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii)-860 rds.(iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. (i) 2 ME-109's (ii)-(iii) Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 291 (TR/11/10/16)

A. 2 F6D's dispatched to recce in Area "C". 1525-1540.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) Nil (iii) Abortive due to (c) mechanical trouble.(iv)-(viii) Nil
C. Nil
D. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 292 (TR/15/10/20)

A. 2 F6C's from 1500-1645. To recce in Area "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: NMS Saarbruchen and Neuenkirchen. 10 scattered M/T mostly W between Neuenkirchen and Kaiserlautern. Many damaged RR cars, NMS M/Y at Kaiserlautern. Scattered M/T mostly W between Kaiserlautern and Worms. Train, 10 cars, STAT, facing S on N edge of Bad Kreuznach. 1 loco moving E out of Kirn. Freight cars scattered all along RR or sidings between Bad Kreuznach and Kirn. M/Y at Kirn empty. 20 scattered M/T mostly S between St. Werdell and Homburg. Truck with orange panel moving W into Neuenkirchen. 10 scattered M/T BW between Neuenkirchen and Saarlautern. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1517-1625. WEATHER: 10/10, 7000' base, top 7500(. Visibility unlimited.
B.(i) 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "Route 1". (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FOR WARE, CO.

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Form 34A.

TO: HQ. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 2o SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 285 for 24 hours ending sunset
10 January 1945

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USAAF
FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: 1/10/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 513 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, January 10, 1945.

A. First intruder 17:10 to 19:00. Circled in area of Rhine River crossing. Fired at light on E bank of River, but no damage observed. Fired at lone M/T on River road, but no damage observed. Poor visibility prevented further activity. Second intruder 20:10 to 21:30. Circled in area of Rhine River crossing, but poor visibility prevented activity. Returned to base.

B. (1) Two Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Two

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 03:10

E. (i) 12000 x .303
2000 x 20MM
(ii) 725 x .303
210 x 20MM
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE).

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APO 374, U S ARMY
16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 247 and 248.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 247 and 248 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 and 12 January 1945.

1. A negative report for the 11th and 12th of January is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 249.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 249 for 24 hours ending sunset 13 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1114 hours, 13 January 1945, Lt. Palmer leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. and 7 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a supply dump at Q-721738 with unobserved results. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned at V-4814. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered over Zwiebrucken. Time down at A-96, 1322 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1124 hours, 13 January 1945, Lt. Rathbone leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. Ground controller directed squadron to bomb an M/T park area at Q-934749 with unobserved results. 20 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on this target. Squadron also hit and strafed adjacent town of Burgalten with unobserved results. 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bomb was jettisoned safe in a lake near Toul. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered over Kehl. Time down A-96, 1324 hours.

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Oprep A. No. 249.
13 January 1945.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1133 hours, 13 January 1945, Capt. Hubble leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron strafed and destroyed 1 P47D which bellied in at Q-681652. Enemy personnel were working on the aircraft when squadron destroyed it. Squadron strafed and damaged 1 M/T at Q-850694. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a M/Y at Q-944943 with unobserved results. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs and strafed 10 horse-drawn vehicles at Q-811562 with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate light flak encountered over Bitche and Kaiserlautern. Time down at A-96, 1351 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1429 hours, 13 January 1945, Lt. Scott leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a supply dump at Q-721738. All bombs fell short of the target. Squadron dropped 2 x 500 lb and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a M/Y at Q-694760 with unobserved results. This target was also strafed. Scant, accurate, heavy flak encountered over Swiebrucken. Time down at A-96, 1649 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Fighter Sweep and Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 1449 hours, 13 January 1945, Major Johnston leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1620 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1502 hours, 13 January 1945, Capt. Rowland leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on 3 power units at Zwiebrucken. 3 buildings were destroyed. 2 ME-262's were encountered SW of Wissenbourg. Enemy aircraft apparently intended to draw the squadron over flak, 2 P47D's made passes at them with no damage. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-212343, R-175385. Time down at A-96, 1721 hours.

FIGHTER SWEEP

B. 1. 13 x P47D's.
2. 13 completed mission.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 13 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 20:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 24,700 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.
F, G, H, I, None.

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Oprep A No. 249.
13 January 1945.

DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 65 x P47D's.
2. 63 completed mission.
3. 2-C 1 Rough Engine
1 Oil on windshield due to leak.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 2 CAT II Flak.
8. 63 sorties.

C. 1. 32 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 32 jettisoned.

D. 1. 137:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 123,500 x .50 cal.
2. 21,648.
3. None.

F. 1. 92 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
33 x 100 lb. W.P.
2. 90 x 500 lb. G.P.
31 x 100 lb. W.P.
3. 2 x 500 lb. G.P.
2 x 100 lb. W.P.
4. None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

1 M/T damaged at Q-850694.
3 buildings destroyed at Zwiebrucken.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
13 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending 13 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2556

12 P47-s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0800 down at 0955. Target RR bridge at R-041675 or RR cut between R-0267 & R-2766, then recce route #5, bomb run to 2500'. T.O.T. 0905, 2 hits south of bridge cutting one rail, 2 near misses at bridge, 4 hits in RR yds at R-026671, destroying 5 boxcars. 8 hits in fork of RR west of bridge, results unobserved, 4 hits N. of bridge & 4 x 500 did not explode. No AA. Weather, 4/10ths to 5/10ths, 3000' to 4000' in target area. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2557

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0805 down at 1020. Target RR bridge at R-134688, bomb run to 1500'. T.O.T. 0910. 2 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at R-3813, 6 hits cut rails SE of bridge in two places, 2 hits N of track, 2 near misses at junction of road & RR. 4 hits NW of target, 4 hits SW of target. Scant accurate LAA at Bitche. Scant inaccurate LAA at target. Recced from target to Zweibucken. Weather 8/10ths to 10/10ths, 1500' to 3000' Vosges Mts. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2558

9 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0820 down at 1035. Target, supply dump at R-453689 and recce route 3. Bomb run to 2000'. T.O.T. 0905. 10 x 500 & 4 x 100 West & southwest of target, no damage observed. 1 A/C bombed and 2 A/C strafed loco & 05 plus boxcars at R-333650. 2 x 500 missed train, loco damaged by strafing, 3 A/C strafed 2 MT between R-288712 & R-289732, both MT damaged. 1 A/C strafed & damaged loco at R-345695. 2 A/C strafed & destroyed balloon at R-453689. Scant LAA at Landau, scant HAA & moderate LAA at Germersheim and R-3469. Weather, 5/10ths, 2000' to 3000' over Mts. E. of Landau to target, heavy haze. 1 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Thos.

Mission 2559

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1110 down at 1215, target RR bridge at R-041675, bomb run to 3000'. T.O.T. 1150, 2 hits W. of bridge, cutting rails, 16 hits on RR bed 100 yds W of bridge, cutting rails, 2 hits N of tracks. No AA. Weather 4/10ths, 5/10ths 3000' to 5000' at target, clearing in Rhine Valley. 2 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2560

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1120 down at 1305. Controller gave target; to cut rails anywhere in enemy territory. 3 A/C bombed at R-303836, bomb run to 2000', T.O.T. 1230, 4 hits on rails, cutting rails in 2 places in town of Neustadt, destroying 3 buildings. 4 A/C recced Route 5 and bombed RR at R-232504. Bomb run to 1500'. T.O.T. 1235, 2 hits in town of Steinfeld, destroying 2 buildings, 2 hits N. of rails and 4 hits unobserved. No AA. Weather, 10/10ths to 2300', Vosges Mts, 7/10ths to 8/10ths from Bitche to base. Bombs exp: ~~14~~ x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2561

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1150 down at 1350. Target, barracks and supplies at Q-733712. Bomb run to 2000'. T.O.T. 1231, 4 hits on target causing 2 explosions, 2 hits cutting rails at Q-727714. 2 Hits in buildings at Q-726713, destroying 4 buildings 2 hits NE of target and 8 x 500 and 2 x 100 unobserved. Moderate light and scant HAA from target. Flight then Recced. Weather 9/10ths top 3000' at Kaiserlautern, CAVU, Rhine Valley. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical, jettisoned bombs at Q-3817. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb, GP, 2 x 100 lb Thos.

Mission 2562

10 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1315 down at 1445. Target, RR bridge at R-041675, bomb run to 3000'. T.O.T. 1405, 20 hits on RR bed and town at R-034674, no results observed. Rocket type AA 10 miles N of target. Weather 5/10ths to 3000' at target. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2563

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1405 down at 1515. Target, RR bridge at R-041675, T.O.T. 1440. Bomb run to 2000', 4 hits on rails NW of bridge, making 2 rail cuts, 12 hits unobserved. No AA. Weather, 9/10ths, 1000' to 3000' from target to Haguenau, 5/10ths in Saverne area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2564

18 P-47s of 313 and 316th Fighter Squadrons on Armed Recce. Route, Strasbourg, Durlach, Speyer, Manheim, Dornstadt, Worms and Pirmasens: No AA. Weather 9/10ths to 2000' east of Rhine. 10/10ths 4000' over Mts., from Ludwigshaven to Saverne. 2 A/C returned after 30 minutes, took off as spares.

Mission 2565

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1710. Target, town at R-145837. T.O.T. 1640 bomb run to 2000', 8 hits in town, 2 hits in woods SW of town, 2 hits on road E of town, causing road block, 2 hits NE edge of town causing large fire, 3 buildings destroyed and 3 damaged. Scant LAA at Q-996715 and scant inaccurate LAA at Bitche. Weather 8/10ths to 10/10ths 1500' to 2000', Vosges Mts. Bitche to base 5/10ths 1000' to 2000'. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 13 JANUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	88	
	(ii)	81	
	(iii)c.	7	
	(viii)	81	
C	(i)	11	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	138:40	
Note 6 E	(i)	176,000	
	(ii)	13,040	
Note 7 F	(i)	170 x 500 lb GP	
		6 x 100 lb Phos	
	(ii)	156 x 500 lb G P	
		6 x 100 lb Phos	
	(iii)	6 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 8 x 500 lb GP to base)	

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS 13 JANUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	18	
	(ii)	16	
	(iii)d.	2	
	(viii)	16	
Note 5 D	(i)	31:55	
Note 6 E	(i)	36,000	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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15 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 181 for the period ending Sunset 13 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Close Support and Armed Recce Mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1008 to go on close support and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 4 a/c carried 1 x 260 # Frags and 8 a/c carried 1 x 100 # WP bomb. Route flown was base to Saarunion to Forbach to target to base. T.O.T. 1130-1145. Flak was moderate light at Q-7942. Squadron contacted Atkin on D channel who sent them to Forbach to recce wooded area. Observation revealed nothing. Squadron then contacted Horsefly who dropped red flares on town at Q-795425. Red flares were dropped on a second target at Q-772411. 8 horse drawn vehicles were seen moving SW at Q-8545. 15 plus white vehicles were seen at Q-7443. These vehicles were evenly spaced and had no markings. 16 GPs and 8 WPs were dropped on town at Q-795425 - NRO; 8 GPs and 4 frags on town at Q-772411-NRO. controller called squadron after the bombing and told them that they had hit a German strong point. The following claims are made as a result of strafing: 4 M/Ts facing SW at Q-8143 damaged; 4 horses drawing a vehicle and moving NE at Q-8144 killed; factory damaged at Q-8140. No losses. 1 P-47 with silver wings and black fuselage, but no other markings circled target at Q-7942, 1130 hours, above our squadron which was at 3,000 ft. Plane was chased but could not be caught. Weather: 8/10s with base at 800 and tops 2000 with visibility 10 miles. Down 1225.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.

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(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Town at ↳-795425.
Town at ↳-774211.
12 A/C strafed the following:-
4 M/Ts facing SW at ↳-8143.
4 horses drawing a vehicle moving NE at ↳-8144.
Factory at ↳-8140.
12 A/C completed mission.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 29:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,440 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 # GP bombs - fused, tail M114.
8 x 100 # WP bombs - fused, Nose M126A1. Burster M4.
4 x 260 # Frag bombs - fused nose M103; tail M100A2.
(ii) 24 GPs, 8 WPs and 4 Frag bombs expended as follows:-
16 GPs and 8 WPs on town at ↳-795425.
8 GPs and 4 Frag bombs on town at ↳-772411.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 4

9. Factories,
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims, 4 horses killed.

Other results unobserved, but controller called squadron after the bombing and told them that they had hit a German Strong-point.

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4.(2).Operation No.: A.C. 21 and 22. Armed Recce Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1025 to go on armed recce. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frags. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to Neustadt to Edenkoben to Leidalsheim to Karlsruhe to base. T.O.T. 1100-1150. Flak: moderate heavy and intense light from Neustadt. Observations: 200 plus cars seen in M/Y at Neustadt. 40 to 50 box cars were scattered along RR line running S out of Neustadt. 10 flat cars loaded with equipment and covered with tarps were parked at R-398785. The prevailing M/T traffic was running SE at R-0363. 16 GPs and 2 Frags were dropped on tunnel at R-188910 and it is believed that both ends of it were closed. 8 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-188917 closing northern end. 10 frags dropped on 10 flat cars and 1 loco headed west with steam up and loaded with 8 tanks or armored cars at R-318845. 1 loco was destroyed (seen to blow up) and 8 tanks were damaged. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: no clouds over enemy territory. Down 1215.

12 P-47s of 365th Squadron ea A/C carrying 2 x 1000 # GP bombs dispatched at 1255 on A/R. Course flown: Base to Kaiserslautern to base, did not make assigned recce due to weather. 1 A/C aborted, mechanical, 2 x 1000 # GPs returned by aborting a/c. Recce area could not be flown due to adverse weather. 10 - 1000 GPs dropped on M-1105, 100 cars (90 full of coal 10 box cars) no results observed, also strafed. 2 - 1000 GPs on M-110068, 20 box cars, 1 bomb cut rail line. 2 -1000 GPs on M-109056, road bridge, no hits on bridge, road cut. 2 - 1000 # GPs at M-186033, 1 rail cut. 1 railway control tower strafed and damaged at M-2004. 5 box cars strafed 5 damaged at M-217047. 6 - 1000 GPs and dropped at M-120986. 2 box cars destroyed and 1 rail cut, strafed town NRO. Flak: Nil. E/A Nil. 20 caol cars full at M-2004. Weather: target are 9 to 10/10ths Base from deck to 800 feet, tops 4,000, visibility above unlimited. Time over target 1355-1430. Time down 1515.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-188910.
Tunnel at R-188917.
Loco and 10 flat cars, loaded, at R-318845.
11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M-1105, 100 cars, full of coal.
M-110068, 20 box cars.
M-109056, road bridge.
M-186033, rails.
M-120986, box cars.
11 A/C also strafed the following:-
M-1105, box cars.
M-2004, railway control tower.
M-217047, box cars.
M-120986, strafed town.
23 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 1 A/C aborted, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c mechanical, radio trouble.

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 23

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 54:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 3,970 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 1000 # GP bombs, fused - tail, M114.
24 x 500 # GP bombs, fused - tail, M113.
12 x 260 # Frag bombs, fused - nose, M103; tail, M113.
(ii) 22 x 100 # GP bombs, 24 x 500 # GP bombs, and 12 x 260 # Frags expended as follows:-
10 - 1000 # GPs on M-1105, 100 cars (full of coal).
2 - 1000 # GPs on M-110068, 20 box cars.
2 - 1000 # GPs on M-186033, rails.
2 - 1000 # GPs on M-109056, road bridge.
6 - 1000 # GPs on M-120986, box cars and rails.
16 - 500 # GPs on tunnel at R-188910.
8 - 500 # GPs on tunnel at R-188917.
2 - 260 # Frags on tunnel at R-188910.
10 - 260 # Frags on 10 flat cars and 1 loco (loaded).
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
2 - 1000 # GPs bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 1

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
c) Damaged, 8

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 5

11. Railroads cut, 3

17. Other claims, 3 tunnel openings sealed.

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4.(3). Operation No.: A.O. 20, 23 and 16. Dive-bomb and Armed Recce .

A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0950 to go on D/B and A/R of Route 3. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GPs and 1 x 260 # Eraf bombs. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to Neustadt to Hochspeyer to base. Flak: scant light at Hochspeyer and from 4 heavy guns at Q-8763. Observations: 1 black contrail straight up to 12,000 ft north of target area at 1100 hours; Dump consisting of 8 bldgs at Q-875740 is ringed by bomb craters, but otherwise appeared untouched; no traffic was seen on Neustadt-Kaiserslautern RR; 15 box cars seen protruding from western end of tunnel at R-203895; 2 P-47s attacked squadron from out of sun at 1130 between Nancy and Saarbourg,- upper half of their rudders were painted red. 8 GPs and 4 Frags dropped at S end of tunnel at R-1893 - no claims made. 6 GPs and 3 frags dropped on eastern end of tunnel at R-200900 with several near misses blowing side of tunnel on to track. Loaded cars were observed in the tunnel. Eastern end of a tunnel at R-185910 was hit by 2 GPs and 1 Frag - NRO. 3 GPs and 2 frags dropped at R-147934 - near misses only. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped at R-1593 - no claims. 1 GP jettisoned armed at R-0686. No e/a seen. No losses. Weather: Haze heavy; 10/10 cloud south of Kaiserslautern at 2,000 to 3,000 along the mountains. Down 1150.

16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1337 to bomb bridge, and conduct A/R of Route 3 and to cut rails. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 # GP bombs. Route flown was base to Pirmasens to Kaiserslautern to Fischbach to base. T.O.T. was 1410-1520. Flak: rocket type flak leaving a streak of black smoke at 12,000 ft at Q-6668; light moderate at Frankenstein at R-1891, light weak at Fischbach at R-1193. 6 trucks headed NE at Q-6473; 25 box-cars stationary between Neustadt and R-1893; 40 to 50 box cars in M/Y at Homburg. 2 GPs dropped on M/Y at Q-9769 - NRO; 2 GPs jettioned at R-1792; 6 GPs on bridge at R-1792 - missed bridge but cut rail at NW end of bridge; 2 GPs on M/Y at Frankenstein, R-173934 - NRO; 4 GPs on northern end of tunnel at R-177930 - 1 rail cut; 4 GPs on highway bridge over RR - missed bridge, but hit highway; 8 GPs on northern end of tunnel at R-183213 - 4 misses and 4 NRO; 4 GPs on tracks at R-177933- NRO. The following claims are made as a result of strafing; 1 staff car damaged; headed NE at Q-6475; 1 truck damaged headed NE at Q-6475; 1 personnel carrier damaged headed NE with 10 personnelat Q-6473. 2 a/c damaged by flak: Cat.1. No e/a seen. Weather: 9/10 with base at 900 ft, tops 3000 with visibility below of 1 mile. Down 1545.

16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1344 to go on close support, dive bomb fuel dump at Q-623737 and conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # frags. Route flown was base to Saareeunion to target to Neustadt to Karlsruhe to Strasbourg to base. T.O.T. was 1455-1555. Flak moderate light at Neustadt, scant heavy at R-1210. Loco and 15 box cars seen moving E out of Karlsruhe. Squadron contacted

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Adkin who told them to go on to their primary target. 16GPs and 8 frags dropped on PT at Q-623737. Concentration was good, but no fires were seen - cloud coverage prevented any further observation. 8 GPs and 4 frags on M/Y at Neustadt which was about 3/4 full. Direct hits in a concentration of cars and fires were started in train sheds, but no claims can be made because squadron pulled into clouds after bombing. 6 GPs and 3 Frags on small M/Y at R-3285, - NRO. 2 GPs and 1 frag on coal cars at R-3570. 1 car destroyed by direct hit and tracks cut at this point. 19 cars damaged by strafing. 2 a/c damaged; both cat 1 - 1 by flak and 1 by bomb blast. No e/a seen. Weather: 7-8/10s cloud with base at 3,000 tops 3500 with visibility 4 miles . Down 1621.

B. (i) 44 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel, south end, at R-1893.
Tunnel, eastern end, at R-200900 and at R-185910.
R-147934 and R-1593.
15 A/C dropped on the following:-
M/Y at Q-9769.
Bridge, at R-1792.
M/Y at Frankenstein, R-173934.
Tunnel, northern end, at R-177930., and R-183213.
Tracks, at R-177933.
16 A/C strafed the following:-
Q-6475, 1 staff car; truck headed NE.
Q-6473, 1 personnel carrier headed NE.
16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
PT at Q-623737, dump fuel.
M/Y at Neustadt.
M/Y at R-3285.
Coal cars at R-3570.
44 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 4 P-47s damaged cat. 1; 3 by flak, and 1 by bomb blast.
(viii) 44

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 111:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 105,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 7,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32 - 1000 # GP bombs, fused - tail, M114.
56 - 500 # GP bombs, fused - nose, M103; tail M101A2.
28 - 260 # Frag bombs, fused - nose, M103.

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(ii) 30 - 1000 # GPs, 55 - 500 # GPs and 28 - 260 # Frags expended as follows:-
2 - 1000 # GPs on M/Y at Q-9769.
2 - 1000 # GPs on M/Y at Frankenstein, R-173934.
6 - 1000 # GPs on bridge at R-1792.
4 - 1000 # GPs on northern end of tunnel at R-177930.
4 - 1000 # GPs on highway bridge over RR.
8 - 1000 # GPs on northern end of tunnel at R-183213.
4 - 1000 # GPs on tracks at R-177933
16 - 500 # GPs and 8 frags on PT, fuel dump, Q-623737.
8 - 500 # GPs and 4 frags on M/Y at Neustadt.
6 - 500 # GPs and 3 frags on M/Y at R-3285.
2 - 500 # GPs and 1 frag on coal cars at R-3570.
8 - 500 # GPs and 4 frags on tunnel, S end, R-1893.
6 - 500 # GPs and 3 frags on tunnel, E end, R-200900.
2 - 500 # GPs and 1 frag on tunnel, E end, R-147934.
3 - 500 # GPs and 2 frags at R-185910.
4 - 500 # GPs and 2 frags at R-1593.

(iii) 2 - 1000 # GPs jettisoned, at R-1792.
1 - 500 # GP bomb jettioned armed at R-0686.

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 19

10. Roads cut, 1

11. Railroads cut, 3

17. Other claims, tunnel, with RR cars in tunnel, damaged.

4.(4). Operations No.: A.O. 29. Fighter Sweep Mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1545 to go on a Fighter Sweep. No external loading was carried. Route flown was Strasbourg to Karlsruhe to Speyer to Pirmasens back to base. T.O.T. area was 1625-1710. Flak: moderate heavy at Germersheim and intense heavy at Seltz. Germersheim A/D appeared to be active. Bridge at Germersheim appeared to be knocked out by new bombing. No claims. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 7 to 10/10 cloud over the area with base at 5000. Down 1740.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.

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(ii) 12 A/C completed mission on Fighter Sweep.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 22:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH L. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt. Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

14 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1

Ref: [redacted]
Oprep A No. 93 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1115 on an Armed Recce in the areas of Sweibrucken - Landau - Weissenburg or to hit alternate target; fuel dump at R-564456. "Elite" assigned alternate target. 21 x 500 and 6 x 100 dropped on fuel dumps at R-564456. Bombing accurate and 5 large fires and 2 explosions resulted. 1 x 500 ret. 1 M/T strafed and dest., moving NE at R-028583. 1 x 100 also dropped there. 1 horse drawn vehicle strafed and damaged, at R-040600. Direction unknown. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at R-664456. Weather CAVU over target. T.O.T. 1145-1310, T.D. 1340.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Engine-oil leak
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 27:05 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,000 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.; 8 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 21 x 500 " " 7 x 100 " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " "
(iv) Nil (1 x 500 and 1 x 100 returned to base).

G. NIL

H. NIL

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Oprep A No 94 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 55 and 56 XII TAC. (Combined Show).

A. The 404th Sq. with 2 shows combined, took off at 1135, 6 a/c to drop supplies to encircled troops at Hatten, R-1734 and then furished cover for 12 a/c who were in close support with "Elite" in Area II. Sq. contacted "Elite George". Dropped parabags on W edge of Hatten. No red blankets observed. Dropped from 200' to 300', all hit in town. Just before drop two prob. Me-262's were observed, 1 at 5,000' and 1 on deck over Hatten. E/a and P-47's made several passes at each other with no damage claimed. E/a were extremely fast (estimated 500 mph) but P-47's experienced no difficulty in turning inside them. 1 light blue and silver and 1 dark blue. No contrails, just short round smoke puffs when power was turned on. E/a were then lost. Did not know if e/a fired. Sq. then proceeded to Bitche and contacted "Horsefly" who assigned target but Sq. could not locate horsedrawn vehicles west of Barenthal at Q-8442. Being low on fuel, 24 s 500 and 8 x 100 dropped on Egelshardt at Q-8247 with 4 hits in town., NRO. Scant inaccurate flak encountered over Hatten. Weather CAVU over Hatten, 8/10 at 3,000' moving in from NE over Bitche. T.O.T. 1215-1315, T.D. 1345.

B. (i) 6 P-47's (Food Drop) 12 P-47's D.B.
(ii) 6 " " 12 " "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 18

C. NIL

D. (i) 15:15 Food Drop; 27:00 hours D/B.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 12,000 Food Drop, 24,000 D/B 50 Cal.
(ii) 80 " " 280 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 5-A-5 and 1 - A-8 Food Drop, 24 x 500 G.P. Instant. 8 x 100 W.P. Instant
(ii) 5-A-5 and 1 - A-8; 24 x 500 and 8 x 100 (Same fusing).
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 95 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt, Webster, took off at 1403 on a fighter sweep in the areas of Strassburg, Rottenburg, Boblingen, Stuttgart, and Wissenbourg. Baggage reported 5 jet a/c between Hagenau and Saverne, but none observed by Sq. on sweep of the area. Covered areas without incident. The S half of areas was overcast at 18,000', the N areas were clear with vis. 10 miles. T.O.T. 1445-1535, T.D. 1620.

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B. (i) 14 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 3 - 2-Detachable tank-failure of Belly tank to pressurize - faulty siphoning of gas. 1-Engine-began running rough.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 14 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 12 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 31:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 35,280 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 96 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col Wright, took off at 1509 to perform an armed recce in the areas of Strasbourg, Rhine River to R-4248, Ettlingen, Baden Baden, Strasbourg. Sq. did not contact controller. 8 x 500 dropped at R-1717 on one barge on W side of river with tug. 1 near miss. 14 x 500 dropped at R-3339 on 4 barges on W side of river. 1 barge damaged, 2 broken loose and floating to midstream. 1 x 500 jet. safe at R-2729 and 1 jet. safe at R-1927. Ceiling unlimited, Vis. 7-6 miles in target area. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and intense flak encountered at R-1717. T.O.T. 1555-1635, T.D. 1702.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 19:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,200 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 23 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

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Oprep A No. 97 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 1515 to D/B flat cars at R-298785. 17 x 500 and 6 x 100 dropped on 40 plus boxcars at R-298785. 1 fire started. Haze and clouds prevented further observation of damage. 2 x 500 dropped in vicinity of Annweiler. 1 x 500 fell off location unknown. At R-0560, 2 e/a believed Me-262 going SW at 3,000 to 4,000' while at 8,000', however, they were out of sight before they had a chance to attack. Moderate inaccurate light flak encountered at R-3079. 9/10 2-3,500' over target, vis. good above. T.O.T. 1545-1645, T.D. 1715.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d), NIL; (c)1-Engine-oil leaks, 1-Prop.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. NIL

D. (i) 21:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail, 8x100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 20 x 500 " " " " " 6x100 " "
(iii) 4 x 500 " " " " " 1x100 " "
(iv) Nil (1 x 100 returned to base).

G. H. and I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer;

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 13 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____
2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 13 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM ____ Carried ____ Expended ____

9. Type Flak ____ Accuracy ____ Intensity ____ Location (Grid Coordinate) ____

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered ____ Location ____ Aggressiveness ____

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a/c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A/C Returned from Missing ____ Reported Missing on Mission No. ____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Aur Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 89 for 24 hours ending sunset,13 Jan.,'45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3620, TR/7/13/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1145-1330. To recce and photo in Saarbrucken-Kaiserslautern-Bitche-Forbach area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 MT mvg. east Q-575743. 1 turned off to north and 1 to the south. 1 small MT mvg. north Q-7954. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Unsucessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1305. WEATHER: 9/10 Bitche-Kaiserslautern and east to Rhine valley.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Forbach.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)
C. Nil. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii)2.
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3621, TR/21.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1210-1355. To photo in Bitche-Pirmasens. OBSERVATIONS: None. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: 175 RR cars ; damage to M/Y slight,center of impact not determined; 2% or less hit, little, if any facilities damaged; Loading appears to be about 1-2% of activity.. light activity in yards..none of the through lines appear to be cut.. damage repaired on all main lines, yards are 95% serviceable....all at Q-904734. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1230-1335. WEATHER: 8/10 from 3-4000'..vis. 5 miles Homburg-Kaiserslautern-Q-8840.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2 attacking Bitche-Pirmasens.(iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3622, TR/12/13/12.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1250-1425. To recce Saarbrucken-Kirn. OBSERVATIONS: 500 RR cars in M/Y at Neuenkirchen. 250 boxcars in M/Y at St. Wendel. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Weak, TIME OVER AREA: 1320-1420. WEATHER: 8-10/10 from 3000'-4000' over area.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Kirn.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E.2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G.Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3623, TR/10/13/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1300-1510. To recce Kehl-Colmar-Neuenburg-Lahr-Donaueschingen-Colmar-Strassbourg area. OBSERVATIONS:2 MT BW just west of Colmar. 10 plus RR cars in M/Y at V-6138. Bridge at Neuenburg intact. Supplies stacked along RR tracks at V-8713. About 20 plus RR cars in M/Y at V-9115. 20-30 plus boxcars in M/Y at W-2664. 4 locomotives with steam up in M/Y at W-3466., approx. 40 RR cars, M/Y appeared full. 15-20 Boxcars in M/Y at W-5625. 10-15 boxcars in M/Y at W-4521. 2 MT BW W-4122. 2 MT BW mvg. west at W-3823. 1 MT mvg. north W-3425. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1320-1450. WEATHER: 10/10 Freiburg area from 4-5000'.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2 attacking Kehl-Strassbourg.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D, 4 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii)20 rds. (iii)Nil /
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3624, TR/14/13/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1420-1620. To recce and photo in Saarbrucken-Hom urg-Bingen-Worms-Karlsruhe-Rastatt. OBSERVATIONS:1 MT mvg. west into ST. Ingbert. 1 tug towing 3 barges north up Rhine river at R-553890, 75-100' long. Between 50-100 barges in Rhine river between Karlsruhe and Mannheim, mostly on east bank of river in groups of 7-8. Every place wh where there were 7-8 on the east bank, there were 1-2 on the west bank. 2 barges approx. 100' long tied together crossing west on Rhine at R-340400 at 1545 hrs. ENEMY AIR:Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: 8 sections of pontoon bridge along river bank at M-4824. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 1440-1600. WEATHER:8-9/10 3000' over Hardt mts.
B. (i) 2F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Rastatt.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Com anding Officer:
VICTOR J. GENTZLER
Captain, A.C., Operations Offic

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

13 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A No. 120 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 13 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 293 (TR/17/13/17)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1200-1330. To recce on "Route 3". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: 1 Me262 at 5,000 ft mvg NE at 1240 hrs over Karlsruhe, P-51's gave chase to Hanau M-8772, No encounter. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1315. WEATHER: 10/10 entire area.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking "Route 3". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 40 rds. .50 cal. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 294 (TR/5/13/5)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1200-1315. To recce in area "B". OBSERVATIONS: KMS Wessemborg, tank and truck tracks all around S part of Wessemborg, P-47's dive bombed RR at R-2551 and received one direct hit cutting tracks, 1 M/T E at R-3052, Entrenchments, gun positions and pill boxes just W of Warth (R-3950), Friendly M/T and tanks at R-1838, Returned early due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1300. WEATHER: 9/10 top 3,000 ft N of Hagneau. S of Hagneau clear, visibility 5 - 6 miles.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 295 (TR/2/13/2)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1200-1315. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 2 sections of 3 individual sections of pontoon bridges being towed S at R-3440 and R-3742, Returned early due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: 2 Jet A/C Me262's heading N, Apparently to encounter bomber formation at 7,000 ft at 1240. 1 Me262 damaged by Lt. Simpson. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert. of A/D at Haganeau 5,000 feet (course) 200 - 120. at 1230 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 125-1300. WEATHER: Rhine Valley, Strassbourg - Karlsruhe open, 10/10 3,000 feet over mts NW of Strassbourg.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 130 rds. .50 cal.(iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. (i)-(ii) Nil. (iii) 1 Me262

OPERATIONS NO. 296 (TR/6/13/6)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1400-1520. To recce in area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 3 M/T mvg W at R-0167, No other observation due to weather, 10/10 Saarbrucken - Pirmasens to Rhine, Returned early due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: 1 jet A/C mvg E at 9,000 feet vicinity Q-9758 at 1430 hrs. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1500. WEATHER: 10/10 Saarbrucken Pirmasens to Rhine.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 40 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 297 (TR/16/13/16)
(PR/12/08/156)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1330-1530. To recce and P/R in Route "3". OBSERVATIONS: Factory activity at Q-8795. 5 scattered M/T both ways between Zweibrucken and Kaiserslantern, M/Y Kaiserslantern almost empty NMS, 7 scattered M/T mostly S bet ween Kaiserslantern and Bad Kreuznach, 5 - 10 M/T scattered both ways between Kaiserslantern and Frarkenthal, 12 M/T vicinity NE of Pirmasens moving W. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1505. WEATHER: 7-10/10 Deck 2,000 base, 3,500 top.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Route "3". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hours.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 298 (TR/19/13/19)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1330 to 1530. To recce in Route "4". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1510. WEATHER: 10/10 General Area.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Route "4". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hours
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 299 (PR/36A/13/32)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1330-1530. To photo recce in Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-I-L Pirmasens. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400-1505. WEATHER: Mod Haze, 8-10/10 2,000 - 3,500.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Pirmasens area. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hours.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 300 (PR/12/11/160)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1330-1530. To Photo recce in Route "3". OBSERVATIONS: Supplies or stat MT at 200 yard intervals R-6541 extending 1 mile along road. Supplies or stat MT at 100 yard intervals R-5442 extending 1 mile along road. 3 tanks stat 100 yards intervals on road, direction unknown, smoke on E side of river vicinity R-2932. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Yes. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400-1500. WEATHER: 8/10 vicinity Hagenau, CAVU east of Rhine.

PHOTOS:

Vert.	Dump	R-5445	6,000	45°	1435
Vert.	Dump or MT	R-6541	6,000	340°	1440
Vert.	Dump or MT	R-5442	6,000	340°	1445
Vert.	Pontoons	R-2935	6,000	270°	1450

B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Route "3". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hours.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 301 (PR/7A/10/171)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1440-1555. To Photo in Vic. of Bitche. OBSERVATIONS: Snow stained black, possible by smoke at Q-735445. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H Q-8042. PHOTOS:

Vert. Hwy	Q7750-7344	6,000	220	1505
Vert. Hwy	Q7344-7750	6,000	40	1510
Vert. Hwy	Q7344-7942	6,000	120	1515
Vert. Hwy	Q7441-7942	5,000	80	1525

RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1530. WEATHER: 2-4/10 S of Bitche 5-6/10 N of Bitche. Visibility 8 to 10 miles.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Vic. of Bitche. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONAL NO. 302 (TR/18/13/18)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1430-1600. To recce in Route "4". OBSERVATIONS: Nil.
ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good.
TIME OVER AREA: 1445-1545. WEATHER: 10/10 at 4,000 feet.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Route "4". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 3 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 900 rds. .50 cal. (iii) Nil. H. Nil

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A.P.O. 394.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION G-3 SOD)

FROM: 394TH FIGHTER SQN. (B), APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 288 for 24 Hours ending Sunset
13 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3297 - (B)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1330A to 1530A. To photo target: Kaiserlautern A/F, Worms A/F, Mannheim A/F, Heidleberg A/F, Neustadt A/F, Speyer A/F, Kaiserlautern Town Area, Rd/lines R-313000 to R-114002 and Block Coverage: R-3204 to R-3604 to R-3297 to R-3697 to R-3204. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/A: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY: Worms A/F, Mannheim A/F, Heidleberg A/F, Block Coverage R-3204 to R-3604 to R-3297 to R-3697 to R-3204. and Block Coverage: R-4048 - R-5245 - R-1892 - R-0500 - R-4048. RADIO CONTACT: Good. THE OWN AREA: 1430A to 1445A. WEATHER: 7/10ths broken clouds in pin point area - . Mission partially successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Kaiserlautern A/F, Worms A/F, Mannheim A/F, Heidleberg A/F, Neustadt A/F, Speyer A/F, Kaiserlautern Town Area, Rd/lines R-313000 to R-114002 Block Coverage R-3204 to R-3604 to R-3497 to R-3697 to R-3204.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 2 Hrs. G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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Form 34A

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APO 696)

From: 34th PHOTO RCN Sqn., APO 374, U. S. Army

Oprep "A" No: 288 for 24 hours ending sunset
19 January 1945

~~Secret~~ U.S. ---- 34/2288 (24)

a. 1 F-5A from 1330h. to 1345h. To photo targets: Dump A-429047, Dump A-434552, A/F's Landau, Bruchsall, Karlsruhe, Germersheim, Rastatt, Block coverage A-4597 to A-8597 to A-9497 to A-9599, A/Drive A-012504. Opposition: Nil. Flak: Nil. Enemy A/C: Nil. Photos: A/F Bruchsall Northrunk, Rastatt, Dump A-429047. Weather & Light: Good. A/A Gun Fire: 1430h to 1500h. Results: Solid clouds over targets not climbed. Mission partially successful. (Alan H. Lockhart, 1st Lt.)

b. (i) F-5A (ii) 1 Attacking targets: Dump A-429047, Dump A-434552, A/F's Landau, Bruchsall, Karlsruhe, Germersheim, Rastatt, Block coverage A-4597 to A-8597 to A-9497 to A-9599, A/Drive A-012504. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil e. Nil

d. 2 hrs. - 15 minutes f. Nil

g. Nil h. Nil

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Form 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 288 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 January 1945

MISSION No: - 34/3289 - (25)

A. 1 F-5s, from 1330A to 1500A. To photo target: Saarbrucken M/Y, St. Ingbert M/Y, Neunkerchen M/Y, Homburg M/Y, Zweibrucken M/Y, Neunkerchen HDA. , St. Wendal HDA., St. Ingbert HDA. Zweibrucken HDA.,Homburg HDA, Pirmasens HDA.,Dump at 4-83471d. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/A: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Saarbrucken M/Y, Zweibrucken M/Y, Zweibrucken HDA, Pirmasens HDA., RADIO CONTACT: Good., TIME OVER A/A: 1415A to 1430A., WEATHER: Neunkirchen North - 10/10ths. clouds. Patchy South - Medium haze., .. Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5s, (ii) 1 attacking target: Saarbrucken M/Y, St. Ingbert M/Y, Neunkerchen M/Y, Homburg M/Y, Zweibrucken M/Y, Neunkerchen HDA.,St. Wendal HDA, St. Ingbert HDA, Zweibrucken HDA.,Homburg HDA.,Pirmasens HDA.,Dump 4-83471d.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil.

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FOR: 34th.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APO 696, 28 Dec)

FROM: 34th PHOTO RECN Sq., APO 374, U. S. Army

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"Prep" TO: 24th for 24 hours ending sunset 13 January 1943

Mission No. ---- 24/34/0 (48)

a. 1 F-5b from 1400A to 1410A. To photo target: Block coverage [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]. Observed: two (2) bogies on pilots tail, right prop governor went out- raised undercar and pilot returned to base to avoid bogies and because of engine trouble. Enemy A/C: two (2) bogies on pilots tail. Flak: Vil. Weather: three (3) and one half runs started South of Beerstadden. Remarks of A/C: Good. Time over Area: 1400. to 1410A. General: West part of area 5/10ths strato cumulus - east part clear and light haze. Mission successful. (Donald A. Owen, 2nd Lt.)

b. (i) P-5b (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible] to [illegible]. (iii) Vil (iv) Vil (v) Vil (vi) Vil (vii) Vil (viii) 1

c. Vil
d. 1 hr. - 5 minutes
e. Vil
f. Vil
g. Vil
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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 280 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3291 + (27)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1325A to 1455A. To photo target: Block Coverage - ℄-3893 to ℄-3780 to ℄-5256 to ℄-2578 to ℄-3893. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: ℄-3893 to ℄-3780 to ℄-5256 to ℄-2578 to ℄-3893. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1406A - 1420A. WEATHER: 10/10ths. clouds 7 of Saarbrucken - pictures through holes. Mission successful. (James E. Lively, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: ℄-3893 to ℄-3780 to ℄-5256 to ℄-2578 to ℄-3893. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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U. S. A. A. F.
Form 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APPLETIZE 26-000)

FROM: 34[illegible] PHOTO RS" Sq., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No. 288 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 January 1945

[illegible] U.S. --- 34/2828 (28)

A. 1 P-5B from 1340A. to 1543A. To photo target: Block coverage L-3693 to L-3778 to L-3490 to L-2572 to L-2693, block coverage M-0000 to M-4760 to G-4241 to M-0945 to M-0000, strip M-1145 to M-4733. [illegible]: Vil [illegible]: Vil [illegible]: Vil [illegible] Vil [illegible] sik (5) Strips from Baden to Durbourg. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible]: 1415A to 1430A. [illegible]: 10/10ths clouds in North West of assigned area. Mission successful. (Lawrence L. Coy, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) P-5B (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage L-3693 to L-3778 to L-3490 to L-2572 to L-2693, block coverage M-0000 to M-4760 to G-4241 to M-0945 to M-0000, strip M-1145 to M-4733 (iii) Vil (iv) Vil (v) Vil (vi) Vil (vii) Vil (viii) Vil

C. Vil
D. 1 hr. - 5 minutes
E. Vil

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U. S. A. A. F.
FORM 54A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION A6 S&S)

FROM: 34th Photo Rcn. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Prep "A" To ASS for 24 hours ending sunset
13 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/2492 - (89)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1040A to 1335A. To photo target: Block coverage: A-543,80 to A-567402 to A-501370 to A-478386 to A-542480. Block Coverage: A-570439 to A-635479 to A-651 453 to A-587411 to A-570439. Block Coverage: A-626395 to A-624510 to A-7.0974 to A-624380 to A-626395 and Strip: A-1145 to A-4455. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FIRE: Nil ENEMY: Nil Block Coverage: A-0560 - A-4700 - A-2221 - A-0545 - A-0660. RADIO CONTACT: Good. ITEM OF INTEREST: 1425A to 1445A. WEATHER: 10/10ths clouds in assigned target area. Mission partially successful. (see P.I., Narrative, Enc. 1&2.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: A-543,80 - A-567402 - A-501370 to A-478386 - A-542480., Block Coverage: A-570439 - A-635479 to A-651453 - A-587411 - A-570439. Block Coverage: A-626395 - A-624510 - 7.0974 - A-624380 to A-626395. and Strip: A-1145 to A-4455. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 Hr. 55 Minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 288 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3294 (30)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1500A. To photo target: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-5780 to ¢-5256 to ¢-2578. to ¢-3893/Block Coverage: ¢-7462 to A-0662 to A-0545 to ¢-7438 to ¢-7462. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage - ¢-7462 to A-0662 to A-0545 to ¢-7438 to ¢-7462. - South - RADIO/COMMAND: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1420A. WEATHER: 10/10ths clouds West of Area - covered. Mission partially successful. (James E. McCommon, 1st. Lt.,

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-5780 to ¢-5456 to ¢-2578, to ¢-3893, Block Coverage ¢-7462 to A-0662 to A-0545 to ¢-7438 to ¢-7462. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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Form 54A

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC 3&I)

From: 34th PHOTO REC SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 268 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 January 1945

MISSION U.S. ---- 21/3495 (21)

A. 1 F-5L from 1330A to 1450A. To photo target: Block coverage ¢-3895 to ¢-5780 to ¢-5456 to ¢-4578 to ¢-3895, block coverage ¢-5572 to ¢-7472 to ¢-7454 to ¢-5456 to ¢-5572. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil A/A & FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: seven (7) strips in area between Saarbruchen and Pirmasens and Bitche. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1430A. WEATHER: 9/10ths broken clouds in target area and medium haze. Mission successful. (Lawton C. McClothlin, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5L (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage ¢-3895 to ¢-5780 to ¢-5456 to ¢-4578 to ¢-3895, block coverage ¢-5572 to ¢-7472 to ¢-7454 to ¢-5456 to ¢-5572. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. - 25 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/13/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 516 for the 24 hours ending Sunset January 13, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of bad weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
17 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 17 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

For the GROUP COMMANDER:

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 182 for the period ending Sunset 14 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 28. Fighter Sweep.Mission.

A. 4 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1615 on Fighter Sweep, Speyer, Darmstadt, Bruchsal, Strasbourg. Route flown: Speyer to Mannheim to Heidelberg to Bruchsal to Rastatt to Appenweier to Base. Flak: Nil. E/A nil. Loco and 30 cars moving North from Karlsruhe at 1710 hours at R-5548. No other rail or road movement in area. Weather: CAVU, haze below 3,000 feet. Time over target 1650-1715. Time down 1737.

4 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1620 on Fighter Sweep, Speyer, Darmstadt, Bruchsal, Strasbourg. Route flown: Speyer to Mannheim to Heidelberg to Bruchsal to Rasttat to Appenweier to Base. E/A nil. Flak: Scant, heavy, Speyer, Rastatt, Kehl. Time over target 1645-1725. Time down 1745. Weather: CAVU, haze below 3,000 feet.

B. (i) 8 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 8 A/C completed mission on Fighter Sweep.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 8

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 12:35
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 19,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 2,500 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil.

4. (2). Operation No.: A.O. 15, 20 and 21. Armed Recce Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0804 to go on A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frag. 1 a/c aborted due to engine trouble and returned to base with its bombs. Route flown was base to Saarguemines to Hagenau to Edenkoben SW along the RR to Pimasens to Q-8962 to Q-6375 to base. Flak: intense light at Q-9065 and weak heavy at Q-9065. Observed a great deal of road traffic going all directions in area around Q-9065. Atkin was contacted, but he had no targets. 2 GPs and 1 frag dropped at Q-8962 on 2 M/T headed W - 1 damaged. 12 GPs and 6 frags destroyed 3 box cars, cut track in 2 places, damaged 2 tank cars and damaged M/Y at Q-6175. 8 GPs and 4 frags dropped and a/c strafed 8 plus M/Ts damaging 4 and destroyed 1. 1 a/c damaged: Cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: hazy, but open over target area from Edenkobern to Pirmasens, Down 1003.

12 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 1000 GP bombs, dispatched at 0745 hours to perform armed recce. 1 a/c aborted and returned to base with its bombs (radio trouble). T.O.T. was 0845-0910. Followed route: Base to Neustadt, Homburg, base. Flak: scant light and heavy at Q-720815, scant light at Q-8675 and R-185912; and scant heavy at Q-8675. 75 box and flat cars with 3 locos, steam up, seen in M/Y at Homburg; 1 loco and 40 box cars moving south at Q-7283; 2-3 flat cars loaded with tanks protruded from east end of tunnel at R-208890. 6 GPs on RR bridge at R-179926 - near misses, but no hits seen. 8 GPs on SE end of tunnel at R-185912 - tracks cut at tunnel's mouth. 2 bombs hit small town near tunnel mouth destroying 5 bldgs and starting fires. 1 bomb cut tracks at R-1990. 8 GPs on E end of tunnel at R-208890 - tracks cut at mouth of tunnel. 1 train strafed by 4 a/c at Q-720815 - loco and 10 box cars damaged. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: CAVU over target area. Down 1010.

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12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0824 to seal tunnels and cut RR between Frankentein and Neustadt and to conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # Frag. Route flown was base to target (R-205895) to Pirmasens to base - cloud cover prevented further recce. T.O.T. 0915-0930. Moderate light flak at R-245860. No movement was seen on roads or RR in area recced. 22 GPs and 1 Frag on tunnels at R-205895. 3 hits on SE ends of each 3 tunnels possibly sealed tunnel entrances. Other hits on top of tunnels. RR were cut in at least 3 places, but only claims for three are made. 2 GPs on a tunnel at R-2288 were short, but possibly cut the RR. 1 frag on factory at Lambrecht, R-245860.-NRO. 3 Frags on M/Y at Lambrecht, R-245860 - NRO. 4 Frags on factory at R-225878 -Factory damaged by direct hit. 1 Frag on Weidenthal - R-185916 - town strafed, NRO. 2 frags on small town south of target - exact location unknown - one building damaged. No,losses. No e/a. Weather: 2-4/10ths cloud with base at 1500 ft, tops 2500 ft with visibility excellent. Qnh 1014.

B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-225878, factory.
R-205895, tunnels.
R-2288, tunnel.
R-245860, factory at Lambrecht.
R-185916, on Weidenthal,
11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
[illegible]-8962, on 2 M/T headed West.
[illegible]-6173, M/Y.
M/Ts at [illegible]-6173.
4 A/C strafed M/Ts.
11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-179926, RR bridge.
R-185912, SE end of tunnel.
R-1990, town near tunnel.
R-208890, E end of tunnel.
4 A/C strafed train at [illegible]-720815.
34 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 a/c; 1 radio trouble, and 1 a/c due to low RPM.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 a/c damaged, flak, Cat. 1.
(viii) 34

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 77:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

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(ii) 6,300 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 1000 # GP bombs, tail fused - M114.
48 - 500 # GP bombs, tail fused - M113 and M114.
24 - 260 # Frags, fused- nose M103; tail M100A2.
(ii) 22 - 1000 # GPs, 46 - 500 # GPs and 23 - 260 # Frags, expended as follows;-
2 GPs 1000 #, on small town near tunnel R-185912.
6 GPs 1000 #, on RR bridge at R- 179926.
8 GPs 1000 #, on SE end of tunnel at R-185912.
6 GPs 1000 #, on E end of tunnel at R-208890.
2 GPs 500 #, and 1 Frag at Q-8962, on 2 M/Ts.
12 GPs 500 #, and 6 Frags at M/Y at Q-6173.
8 GPs 500 #, and 4 Frags on M/Ts.
22 GPs 500 #, and 1 Frag on tunnels at R-205895.
2 GPs 500 #, on a tunnel at R-2288.
1 Frag bomb on factory at Lambrecht, R-245860.
3 Frag bombs on M/Y at Lambrecht, R-245860.
4 Frag bombs on factory at R-225878.
1 Frag bomb on Weidenthal, R-185916.
2 Frag bombs on small town south of target.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 2 - 1000 # GP bombs returned to base.
2 - 500 # GP bombs returned to base.
1 - 260 # Frag bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 5

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, Nil
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 12

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads cut, 8

14. M/Y attacked, c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims, town strafed.

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4. (3) Operation No.: A.O. 17, 18, 23, and 29. Close Support and Armed Recce Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1045 to conduct A/R and go on C/S. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 # GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saareunion to Eguelshardt to Hagenau to base. TOT was 1130-1220. Intense flight flak at Eguelshardt, Q-822468, and scant light and heavy from Bitche. 1 rocket trail seen North of Saarbrucken - trail ran vertically up to 20,000 ft and above. 24 GPs on town of Eguelshradt which "Atkin Zebra" had marked with white smoke. At least 16 hits in the town, but due to intense flak, squadron was unable to assess the damage. No losses; no e/a. Weather: CAVU. Down 1315.

11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1415 to go on C/S and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 x frag (260 lb.) Route flown was base to Saareunion to Winden to base. TOT was 1450-1535. Intense light flak from R-278555, and moderate light and scant heavy from Wissembourg. Squadron headed east over alternate target which was a fuel dump at Winden and was bounced by 8 Me 109s who came down out of the sun from 12,000 ft while squadron was at 8,500 ft, 1550 hrs. 4 other Me 109s serving as top cover at 16,000 ft, bounced after the first engagement. All bombs were jettisoned when squadron was bounced at Winden (R-278555). E/A were slate gray with large black crosses on top and bottom of the wings. Claims from this engagement are: 6-0-3. Losses: 1 a/c with pilot, Lt Harold M. Thompson, KIA. He said over T/T that his plane was on fire and asked for a homer. His plane was later found crashed, cat. 3. 1 staff car and 1 H/D car damaged by strafing. 3 other a/c damaged: 1 cat. 1 flak, 1 cat 2 flak; and 1 cat 2, e/a. pilots OK. Weather: CAVU. Down 1610.

12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1114 to attack gun positions and conduct C/S and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 # GP bombs and 1 x 260 # frags. Route flown was base to Sarreguemines to Bitche to target to Zweibrucken to Landau to Hagenau to base. TOT 1140-1300. Flak: intense light and weak heavy at Bitche, especially S of town in surrounding woods, intense light flak in area north and east of Wissembourg. Contacted "Atkin" who did not have any special target so they then attacked the primary target. White smoke very poor for marking and controller was late in marking the target. 3 M/Ts seen going west at Q-8550. M/Y at Winden was empty. 24 GPs and 12 Frags on gun positions followed by strafing them. A good pattern was made on these gun positions which had been marked with white smoke at the following points: Q-786498, Q-791502, Q-782499. Strafed a supply dump at R-278563. Strafed boxcars at R-2555, damaged 1 M/T at R-2655 by strafing. Lt. Lovell belly landed at Q-574396 after a/c had been shot up by flak; cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: light haze below 5,000 ft with visibility in the haze of from 5 to 7 miles. Down: 1330.

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12 P-47s of 358th Fighter Group (8 from 365th and 4 from 367th) dispatched at 1340 to go on C/S and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 1 x 260 Frags. Route flown was base to Saareunion to Bitche to Q-772410. "Atkin" gave recce of roads N and NE of Q-772410 - no activity seen. 24 GPs and 12 frags dropped on German HQ consisting of 4 buildings with direct hits and damaged the other 2. 1 bomb hit in woods to the west causing a large black smoke explosion. Target area was heavily strafed. Strafed 1 building at Q-680415 - it was damaged and was smoking when last seen. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: CAVU. Down 1605.

B. (i) 47 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on Eguelshardt
11 a/c dropped bombs on Winden (R-278555)
12 a/c dropped bombs on the following gun positions:-
(Q-786498) (Q-791502) (Q-782499)
Also strafed the following:-
Supply dump at R-278563
Boxcars at R-2555
M/T at R-2655, Building at Q-680415.
12 a/c dropped bombs on German Hdqs at Q-772410
Also strafed above target
47 a/c completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) P-47D-28RA 42-29169. Hit by enemy aircraft over target. Time: 1519 hrs. A/C later found crashed near Château Salins.
(vii) 6 a/c damaged: 3 a/c Cat 1, flak; 1 a/c Cat 2, flak; 1 a/c Cat 2, e/a; 1 a/c crashed, Cat 3, e/a.
(viii) 47

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 108:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 112,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 33,840 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 48 - 1000 # GP bombs, tail fused - M114.
46 - 500 # GP bombs, tail fused - M113 and M114.
35 - 260 # Frags, fused - nose M103; tail M100A2.
(ii) 48 - 1000 GPs 24 - 500 GPs and 24 - Frags expended as follows:
24 - 1000 GPs dropped on town of Eguelshardt. NHO
24 - 1000 GPs and 12 - 260 Frags on gun positions at Q-786498, Q-791502, Q-782499.
24 - 500 GPs and 12 - 260 Frags on German HQ at Q-772410
(iii) 22 - 500 GPs and 11 - 260 Frags jettisoned at Winden R-278555
(iv) Nil

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G. 2nd Lt. HAROLD M. THOMPSON, O-705641, KIA.

H. (i) 6 Me 109s destroyed:- In the Air:-
Lt. Daniel S. Renner, O-705617, 2 Me 109s, 365th Sqdn.
Lt. Fredrick C. Bishop, O-767032, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.
Lt. Arnold Gallaher, O-820175, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.
Lt. Everett H. Heald, O-826429, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.
Lt. Laurance L. Baptist, O-716033, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 3 Me 109s damaged:- In the Air:-
Lt. Daniel S. Renner, O-705617, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.
Lt. Robert E. Smitherman, O-830112, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.
Lt. Lowell A. Shive, O-830103, 1 Me 109, 365th Sqdn.

I. 2. Armored Vehicles (Nil)

1. Military Transportation
c) 1

9. Miscellaneous Buildings
a) 4
c) 5

4. (4). Operation No.: A.O. 12, 22, 24. Dive Bombing Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1443 hours to dive-bomb RR bridge at R-179926 and to perform armed recce in Neustadt, Edenkoben, Graben, Karlsruhe, Weissenbourg areas. Followed route of Base to target to Neustadt to Edenkoben to Gemersheim to Landau to base. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 GP bombs. Flak was intense, accurate, light 5 miles SE Wissenbourg. No rail or road movement observed in area of recce. All bombs dropped on the bridge at R-179926. 8 hits were very close and believed to have rendered bridge unserviceable, although Bookworm Leader reported it still standing after our bombing. RR cut on both ends of bridge and tunnel sealed. Smoke from bombing prevented further assessment. Loco and 25 cars loaded with MT strafed at R-3570 at 1615 hours. Train was headed W into Landau. Claim 1 MT destroyed and 20 damaged. 2 Me 109s on the deck headed W were encountered 5 miles SE of Landau at 1610 hours. Bounced by White flight and claim 1 Me 109 destroyed by F/O Evoritt and 1 Me 109 damaged by Lt. Nagle. The e/a were painted blue. No other e/a were encountered; no further claims; no losses. Time over target 1530-1545. Time down: 1650. Weather: CAVU.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron, carrying 22 x 1000 GPs and 2 x 500 GPs, dispatched at 1120 hours to perform tunnel sealing and RR cutting between Frankenstein and Neustadt, and also to perform armed Recce in areas of Neustadt, G-916717, Hamstein, Edenkoben, Leidalsheim, Karlsruhe, Wissembourg, Followed route of base to target to Speyer to Landau to Hagenau to base. Flak was moderate, heavy at Zweibrucken; moderate, light at target (R-178927) and moderate, light at R-0360. Approximately 75 freight cars were observed in the M/Y at Neustadt and a few scattered cars were seen in the

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M/Y at Landau. 6 x 1000 GPs and 2 x 500 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-178927. One very near miss may have damaged entrance, and one direct hit in front of tunnel cut RR. 8 x 1000 GPs on the tunnel at R-205895, but no hits observed. 6 x 1000 GPs on RR bridge at R-120989, Enkenbach) but no hits. At R-0360, 12 M/T and HDV moving E were strafed at 1315 hrs. 7 MTs and 1 trailer are claimed damaged, and of the personnel who ran from the trucks 8 Germans were killed. At R-0759, 2 MT moving NE at 1310 hrs were strafed and damaged. 2 x 1000 GPs dropped in area N of Neustadt, but failed to release over target. No e/a encountered; no claims; no losses. TOT: 1215 hrs. Time down: 1330 hrs. Weather: enroute, 10/10ths, base 1500, tops 2000, visibility 2 miles below. Target: 2/10ths, 1500 base, 2000 tops, 3 to 4 miles visibility. Return: no clouds, visibility 10 miles.

10 P-47s of 366th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 1000 GP bombs dispatched at 1450 hours to bomb bridge at R-178920 and perform armed recce. Followed route of base to Kaiserlautern to Neustadt to Edenkoben to Landau to Wissenbourg to base. Flak was intense, light, at R-1793 and heavy, moderate from Neustadt to Wissenbourg. At Edenkoben, the M/Y was observed to be empty and 100 cars were observed in the marshalling yard at Homburg. The 367th Squadron, in previous mission, had no direct hits, but 1 near miss blackened the bridge. 20 x 1000 GPs dropped on bridge with 5 direct hits in fill and 1 direct hit under the bridge, 1 hit on the bridge making hole in center and it was observed that the bridge was 30 degrees off its course. Claim 4 boxcars in Northern end of tunnel at R-177932 damaged by strafing. Southern end of tunnel North of bridge badly beat up; No e/a encountered; no further claims; no losses. TOT: 1510 - 1640. Time down: 1705 hrs. Weather: No cloud, haze, tops 4,000 ft., visibility 15 miles in haze and unlimited above.

B. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on bridge R-179926
12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-178927
Tunnel at R-205895
RR Bridge at R-120989
10 a/c dropped bombs on bridge at R-178920
34 a/c completed mission
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 34

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 76:20
(ii) Nil

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F. (i) 42 - 1000 GP bombs, tail fused - M114
26 - 500 GP bombs, tail fused - M113 and M114
(ii) 42 - 1000 GPs and 26-500 GPs expended as follows:-
24 - 500 GPs dropped on bridge at R-179926
6 - 1000 GPs and 2 - 500 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-178927
8 - 1000 GPs on tunnel at R-205895
6 - 1000 GPs on RR bridge at R-120989
20 - 1000 GPS on bridge at R-178927
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,240 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) 1 Me 109 destroyed:-
F/O Jerrald P. Evoritt, T-2944, 1 Me 109.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 1 Me 109 damaged:-
Lt. Austin B. Ragle, O-762553, 1 Me 109.

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 1
c) 29
4. Railroad Cars
c) 4
5. Bridges
c) 2
11. Railroads Cut
a) 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 17 January 1945.

2. Oprep. No. 185.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 17 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____
2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - ENROUTE AND TARGET WEATHER.
4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 17 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No. Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Forbes, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
Signature

For ASHLEY B. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 93 for 24 hours ending sunset, 17 Jan.,'45. [redacted]

No operations due to weather.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

17 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 124 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 17 January 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. NINTH Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 PRU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 292 for 24 hours ending sunset
17 January 1945

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/17/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 520 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 17 January 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne during the period. First Patrol-Intruder from 18:00 to 21:15. Patrolled in Hagenau - Saverne area without incident. Then went on Intruder in Wissenbourg - Bischwiller area. Straffed a convoy of 5 M/T headed North at R-2560 destroying 1 M/T and damaging 1 M/T. Returned to patrol and was vectored onto Bogey but it disappeared off GCI scope before contact could be made. Second patrol from 19:45 to 20:10. Returned to base with AI U/S. Nothing to report. Third Patrol from 20:50 to 21:10. Returned to base with engine trouble. Nothing to report. Fourth patrol from 23:00 to 24:00. Patrolled in Saverne - Bischwiller area with nothing to report.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) Two
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) ~~None~~ Two

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 5:00

E. (i) 4000 x 20MM
18000 x .303
(ii) 200 x 20MM
450 x .303
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 1 M/T Destroyed
1 M/T Damaged

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
18 January 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 18 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

For the GROUP COMMANDER:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 18 January 1945.

2. Oprep. No. 186.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

19 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]

1. Oprep A No. 116 for 24 hours ending Sunset 18 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 18 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr

Signature

FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 18 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No. Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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W. J. Conlon Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
Signature
For ASHLEY B. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No.94 for 24 hours ending sunset, 18 Jan.,'45. [redacted]

No operations due to weather.

For the Commanding Officer;

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

18 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov.)

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A No. 125 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 18 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 329 (TR/1/18/1)

A. 1 F6-D from 1430-1530. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Bridge serv. and 3 or 4 vehicles approaching, leaving and crossing both ways, stream at R-1852020. Dismantled pontoon bridges on Rhine at approx. R-105065, and at R-136097, R-161228, R-170173, R-233213, R-275272, permanant bridge at Selz destroyed, but activity denotes pontoon bridge to be constructed. Tug pulling 2 sections of pontoon bridges S at R-252220. Pontoons were covered by roof. All dismantled bridges had landing on each side of river and one section joined on E side of river. Vehicles and personnel working around bridge at R-1701730. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I - L from R-1006 to Selz, S - A - H at Drusenheim. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445-1515. WEATHER: 10/10 deck, top unknown.
B. 1 F6-D (ii) 1 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 1.
C. Nil
D. 1.00 hour
E. 2100 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

WILLIAMS, Act'g S-3,
FOR WARE, CO.

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Form 344.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 300)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 293 for 24 hours ending sunset
18 January 1945

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USAAF
FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

Ref: 1/18/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 521 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 18 January 1945

A. No aircraft airborne on operational missions during the period because of poor weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 259.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 259 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 5, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1007 hours, 23 January 1945, Lt. Palmer leading. 10 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron destroyed 9 horse drawn vehicles by strafing south of Bitche. 10 x 500 lb. G.P., 4 x 100 lb. W.P., and 1 x 265 lb. frag. bombs were dropped on Fischbach. 6 direct hits destroyed 3 buildings, damaged 2 buildings and scored 1 roadblock. 2 x 500 lb. G.P., and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on 4 M/T's headed East at Q-875519. 2 M/T's were destroyed, 2 M/T's were damaged. 4 x 500 lb. G.P., 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped at Q-895495 destroying 8 buildings. 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bomb was dropped on Obersteinbach producing a fire. 2 x 500 lb. G.P. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at U-9622. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-8748, Bitche. Time down at Luneville, 1155 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0939 hours, 23 January 1945, Lt. Marks leading. 15 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. The two aborting aircraft dropped 4 x 500 lb. G.P. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on the town of Altenheim. 2 direct hits destroyed 2 buildings. 10 x 500lb. G.P. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on the town of Ohnenheim. 20 buildings were destroyed and a huge fire belching grey smoke was produced, the smoke rose to a height of 300 feet. 8 x 500 lb. G.P. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on a town and rail line at W-0738. 4 buildings were destroyed and fires produced. 5 buildings, one of barracks type, were well strafed and damaged at V-8152. Intense, accurate, light and heavy flak encountered at V-8354 and Breisach. Time down at A-96, 1145 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0952 hours, 23 January 1945, Lt. Jaskot leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on the town of Movholsheim, destroying 20 buildings. 5 horse drawn vehicles were strafed and destroyed, NE of Bitche. 10 x 500 lb. G.P. and 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on the town of Machenheim, the whole town was left burning. Flak varying from light to heavy, scant, accurate was encountered from Hagenau to Bitche. Time down at A-96, 1156 hours, 1156 hours, 6 P47D's landed at Y-1.

B. 1. 40 x P47D's.
2. 37 completed mission.
3. 3
1-C-Rough Engine
1-D-Pilot sick
1-D-Escort

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4 thru 6, None.
7. 4 CAT I-Flak
1 aircraft bellied in at Y-1, CAT I.
8. 40 sorties.

C. 1. 15 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 7 x 75 gallon tanks.

D. 1. 78:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 76,000 x .50 cal.
2. 13,275.
3. None.

F. 1. 62 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
23 x 100 lb. W,P,
1 x 265 lb. Frag.
2. 60 x 500 lb.
23 x 100 lb. W.P.
1 x 265 lb. Frag.
3. 2 x 500 lb.
1 x 100 lb.
4. None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.
9 horse drawn vehicles destroyed at Bitche.
3 buildings destroyed at Fischbach.
2 buildings damaged at "
1 roadblock at Fischbach.
2 M/T's destroyed at Q-875519.
2 M/T's damaged at "
8 buildings destroyed at Q-895445.
2 buildings destroyed at W-0586.
20 buildings destroyed at V-8354.
4 buildings destroyed at W-0738.
5 buildings damaged at V-8152.
20 buildings destroyed at V-865512.
5 horse drawn vehicles destroyed at Bitche.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEAD QUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
23 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 23 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2600

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0925 down at 1110. Target, road from ⨁-812426 to ⨁-837431. T.O.T. 1020 andRecce route III, bomb run to 1500'. 6 A/C bombed MT at ⨁-822435. 10 hits on road & in woods. 5 MT destroyed, 2 hits in road at ⨁-829445. 1 MT destroyed & 1 road block. 4 A/C bombed at ⨁-843437, T.O.T. 1020, bomb run to 1500' 8 hits in woods, no results observed. 2 A/C strafed 6 MT at ⨁-815428, 1 MT damaged. 2 A/C strafed 10 MT at ⨁-829448, 3 MT damaged. 2 A/C strafed 1 MT at ⨁-839435, 1 MT damaged. Intense LAA at target, moderate HAA at Camp De Bitche. Weather 9/10ths 10,000' over Bitche area, below 10,000' clear. 2 A/C damaged, Cat. #1. 1 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2601

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0930 down at 1110. Target, fuel dump at W-245708. T.O.T. 1030, bomb run to 2000', 16 hits in target area. Results 2 moderate explosions. Flight recce Rhine Valley. Scant HAA at ⨁-9535. Weather 9/10ths at 10,000' - 12,000', ground fog in target area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Note 4 B	(i)	19	
	(ii)	18	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	2	Cat. #1, Flak
	(viii)	18	
C	(i)	3	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	30:00	
Note 6 E	(i)	38,000	
	(ii)	9,990	
Note 7 F	(i)	38 x 500 lb GP	
	(ii)	36 x 500 lb GP (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 191 for the period ending Sunset 23 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Rail Cutting and Armed Recce Mission.

A. (A.O. 15) 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 1000 lb GPs and 1 a/c carrying 1 x 100 WP bomb, were dispatched at 0840 on RR cutting and A/R area #1 and #2. Alternate target, G-743896. Route flown: Wissembourg, Landau, Neustadt, base. 8/x 1000 GPs on loco and 4 box cars at R-305640 moving N at 0915 hours, direct hits destroyed 4 cars. Loco damaged by strafing. 4 GPs and 1 WP on 40 cars in M/Y at R-4572, 1 WP direct hit on freight cars, destroyed 1. Rails cut at choke points at both ends of M/Y by 1000 lb GPs. Loco strafed and damaged in yard. 2 GPs on small road bridge at R-3772, one direct hit destroyed bridge. 8 GPs on M/Y at R-3071, one train headed S with 15 coaches. 12 freight cars in yard. M/Y damaged by 2 hits, 4 cars destroyed. 2 buildings destroyed, 1 damaged. Claims by strafing: R-3062, 1 MT dest, 1 MT dam, 4 HVD and 6 personnel dest; R-2960, Rohrback, 6 MT dest, 1 MT dam; R-2256, Kapellen, 1 loco dam; R-3578, Duttweiller, 2 MT dam; R-3879, Geimsheim, 6 MT dest; R-3577, Altdorf, 3 MT dest. Some MTs in practically all towns in area E of Landau and Edenkoben. No general movement. Flak: intense, accurate, heavy at Bitche. Intense, inaccurate light at R-3062. Intense, accurate, light at R-4572. Scant, inaccurate, heavy at R-4572. Time over target 0915-0930. 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat 1. E/A nil. Weather: Ceiling 4,000 ft, at base, improving towards target area, 7/10 - 9/10ths, base 12,500, tops 13,000, visibility unlimited. Time down 1036.

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B. (i) 11 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 11 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
Loco and box cars at R-305640
40 cars in M/Y at R-4572
small road bridge at R-3772
M/Y at 3071
11 a/c strafed the following:
R-3062 - 1 MT, 1 MT, 4 HVD, 6 personnel.
R-2960 - 7 MT.
R-2256 - 1 loco.
R-3578 - 2 MT.
R-3879 - 6 MT.
R-3577,- 3 MT.
11 a/c completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 a/c damaged, Cat 1, flak.
(viii) 11

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 22:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 26,400 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 7,200 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22- 1000# GP bombs, fuze - tail, M114
1- 100# WP bomb, fuze - nose, M126; Burster M4.
(ii) 8 GPs on loco and 4 box cars at R-305640.
4 GPs and 1 WP on 40 cars in M/Y at R-4572.
2 GPs on small road bridge at R-3772.
8 GPs on M/Y at R-3071.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 16
c) 4
3. Locomotives
c) 3
4. Railroad Cars
a) 9

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5. Bridges
   a) 1
6. Buildings
   a) 2
   c) 1
13. Horse Drawn Vehicles
   a) 4
14. M/Y Attacked
   c) 1

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O.s 20 and 21. Armed Recce and Close Cooperation.

A. (A.O. 20) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 1000 lb SAP bombs and 1 x 100 WP bombs, were dispatched at 0855 on A/R And C/C, area #3. Route flown: Base to Bouxwiller, Durlach (R-5775) Neustadt, Wissembourg to base. Squadron called "Elite" and received no answer, then were contacted by "Atkin" who gave target in recce area. "Atkin" told Squadron to recce area 8 miles SE of Bitche to 10 miles NW of Bitche. 8 SAPs and 4 WPs dropped and strafed 5 MTs at Q-8444, headed NW, 5 destroyed. 30 vehicles in area heading NW. 2 SAPs and 1 WP dropped and strafed 4 - 5 MTs destroyed at Q-9684 headed W. 12 SAPs and 6 WPs dropped on supply dump at R-364394, part "C" on photo V2-99, no hits observed on target. 1 tug and barge headed N at R-5473 damaged by strafing, immobilized 25 cars strafed and damaged at R-4573. Photo V2-99, part "C" of supply dump badly damaged, part "B" intact, part "A" not observed. 1 train headed E at Neustadt M/Y, yard virtually empty. 1 B-24 observed at Q-9237 on ground. Flak: Intense, light at R-0453. Intense, light at R-4573. Weak, heavy at R-3666. Time over target 0920-1025. 2 SAPs and 1 WP jettisoned at Q-7836, F/O Horst hit by flak dropped bombs. 2 P-47s destroyed, F/O Horst hit by flak at Q-9648, bailed out at Q-5318, pilot OK. Lt Jones hit by flak and last seen at Q-8842, regained friendly territory, said over R/T he was OK. Weather: 10/10s at 13,000 ft, tops 13,500 ft, visibility 12-15 miles. Time down 1045.

(A.O. 21) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 1000 GP bombs and 1 x 100 WP bombs, were dispatched at 0900 on A/R and C/C. Route flown: base to Bouxwiller, Oberhauffen, Edenkoben, Bitche, recce not completed because of gas running low. Squadron contacted "Elite", were told to bomb town of Oberhauffen at R-092202. "Violet smoke" on target. 24 GPs and 10 WPs on town, all direct hits, strafed on bomb run. 8 buildings destroyed, 5 damaged. 1 WP hung up and fell off at R-0319; this information was called to "Elite". 1 WP returned to base. Flak: Moderate, heavy at Q-9337. Moderate, light from 3 gun positions at Q-8352. E/A: 2 Me 262's headed E over Bischwiller on the deck at 1030, no encounter with e/a. 2 MTs headed S at Q-870547, unable to strafe because of hills, could not contact controller to give him information. Time over target 1000 - 1045. Weather: 10/10ths base 10,000 tops unknown. Visibility 10 miles, haze ground up to 1000 ft. Time down 1110.

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B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 23 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
Q-8444 - 5 MTs headed NW.
Q-9684 - 4 - 5 MTs headed W.
R-364394 - supply dump.
R-092202 - Oberhauffen.
22 a/c strafed the following:
Q-8444 - 5 MTs
Q-9684 - 4 - 5 MTs
R-5473 - barge and tug headed N.
R-4573 - 25 cars.
R-092202 - Oberhauffen (strafed on bomb run)
24 a/c completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 2 a/c - P-47D-28 44-20238, Flak; P-47D-28 42-28817, Flak
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 55:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 14,460 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 4,880 rds (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 24 - 1000lb GP bombs, fused - tail, M114
24 - 1000lb SAP bombs, fused - tail, M114
24 - 100 lb WP bombs, fused - nose, M126; Burster M4.
(ii) 22 - 1000lb SAP bombs, 24 - 1000lb GP bombs, and 21 - 100 WP bombs expended as follows:
8 SAPs and 4 WPs on 5 MTs at Q-8444 headed NW.
2 SAPs and 1 WP on 4 - 5 MTs at Q-9684 headed W.
12 SAPs and 6 WPs on supply dump at R-364394.
24 GPs and 10 WPs on town Oberhauffen (R-092202) on buildings.
(iii) 2 SAPs jettisoned at Q-7836
1 WP jettisoned at Q-7836
1 WP jettisoned at R-0319
(iv) Nil
1 WP returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 10
4. Railroad Cars
c) 25
9. Buildings
a) 8
c) 5
12. Barges
c) 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

24 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 131 for 24 hours ending Sunset 23 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster, took off at 0855 on a close support mission with " Kosher". Sq. contacted "Kosher" who gave target in woods at V-8049 (prob. strongpoint or troop concentration) to be marked with white smoke. 6 x 500 incend. and 13 x 500 GP dropped in target area, NRO. 1 x 500 incend. dropped at V-9039. 2 x 500 G.P. jet. safe at V-7363. After bombing "Kosher" gave Recce area of Colmar, Mulhouse, and Rhine River area. Intense, accurate heavy and light flak encountered at Neuf Brisach and V-8049. Weather over Vosages Mts. thin clouds and haze at 7,000'; 9/10 at 11,000', vis. excellent. T.O.T. 0920, T.D. 1035.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Bomb release mechanism-release failed to operate in Dive Run.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 20:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,040 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 15 x 500 GP M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 7 x 500 Incendiary.
(ii) 13 x 500 " " " " " 7 x 500 "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

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H. NIL

I. NIL

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Oprep A No. 133 for 24 hours ending Sunset 23 January 1945., (CONT'D).

C. NIL

D. (i) 14:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 800 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. Instant.; 6 x 500 Incend.
(ii) 14 x 500 " " 6 x 500 "
(iii) 2 x 500 " "

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 23 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 23 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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W. L. KORBIN JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 99 for 24 hours ending sunset, 23 Jan., '45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3658, TR/14/23/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0935-1115. To recce Saargemund-Homburg-Bingen-Mainz-Karlsruhe-Haguenau area. OBSERVATIONS: 20 plus MT mostly east on Saarbrucken. Train with 25 boxcars and 1 locomotive on each end mvg. SW out of Homburg. 100 plus boxcars in Homburg M/Y. 100 plus boxcars along RR line from Q-7186-Q-7490. Rail bridge at M-3758 appears intact. Factory in SE end of Mainz operating , much white smoke coming from stacks. Bridge at M-4441 appears out. Approx. 5 barges in Rhine river along west bank at M-4635. Bridges at M-5328 and M-4523 serviceable. Rail and road bridges at Worms serviceable. 3 MT mvg. west across bridge into Worms. 1 MT east across bridge from Worms. 1 tug with 2 barges loaded and snow covered mvg. north on Rhine at M-4 911. RR bridge at Mannheim serviceable. 60 plus cars, mostly boxcars, stationary on rail lines in woods between Speyer and Schifferstadt. Rail bridge at Speyer intact. A/D at Speyer appears unserviceable. Zig-zag trenches across field. Germersheim A/D appears serviceable--NMS there. Train with 25 boxcars mvg. west from Germersheim. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0950-1100. WEATHER: 9/10 13000 Rhine valley and west to Trier and Nancy. Ground haze at Bingen.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Haguenau.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3659, TR/12/23/12.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1000-1200. To recce Bitche-Pirmasens-Saarbrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 6 MT parked under trees on west side of road at Q-794548. Appeared as though they had not been moved for a couple of days. 2 MT towing long large trailers NE Q-844517 (hit by F/B's). 50-75 MT parked on road and sides of road from Q-853518-Q-858532.. called to Baggage and F/B's came over...column was facing north. 50-60 MT parked under the trees on both sides of road from Q-853530-Q-866535, column facing north also had Baggage send F/B's on this target. Roads in this area have been well used. 3-4 small MT BW Bitche and north to Q-8058. Road Bitche-Q-8058 well used. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-inaccurate at Q-8553-Q-8654. Heavy-scant-accurate at Saarbrucken. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Goood. TIME OVER AREA: 1030-1145. WEATHER: Vis. 8-10 miles. 10/10 8-10000' over area.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Bitche-Saarbrucken.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii)240 rds.(iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

23 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force(Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF: S[redacted]T

OPREP A. NO. 130 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 23 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 335 TR/4/23/4

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1005-1130. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Pontoon ferries observed on E bank of Rhine at R-1310, R-1309, R-2321, R-1718. Pontoon bridge incomplete, in two sections, on each bank at R-172172. 5 M/T moving E at Seltz. 37 M/T moving W from R-1026 to R-1126, of which 1/3 were towing guns. (Called controller). No activity seen on Rhine from Strassbourg to Lauterburg. Flight bounced by 4 P-47s, call sign "Crwaford", at 1045. Flight was recalled from area by controller apprximately 1105. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1113. WEATHER: 10/10 at 10,000ft, vis 10-15 miles.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2:50 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN., SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 298 for 24 hours ending sunset
23 January 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: 1/23/45 S[redacted] T

OPREP A No 526 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 23 January, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. N one

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 260.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 260 for 24 hours ending 24 January 1945.
Operations Order No. A0-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1445 hours, 24 January 1945, Capt. Herrick leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 19 x 500 lb. G.P., 5 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a railroad bridge crossing the Rhine at Karlsruhe. All bombs were near misses but no damage to the bridge was observed. 1 railcut was scored on East end of bridge. 3 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned at U-5824. 2 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs were returned to base. Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered at Karlsruhe. Time down at A-96, 1705 hours. WP

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1449 hours, 24 January 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 8 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. G.P and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs and straifed a supply dump along a railroad at R-498585. 2 large oil tanks about 50 feet in diameter were destroyed and burned violently. 2 railcuts were scored. 4 x 500 lb. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned at U-7513. Time down at A-96, 1710 hours. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at R-3050. WP

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1503 hours, 24 January 1945, Major Riggin leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 lb. G.P., 2 x 100 lb. W.P., and 3 x 265 lb. frag. bombs on a highway bridge crossing Dreisam canal at W-015417. 1 direct hit destroyed the bridge, 2 hits on highway leading to bridge scored 1 road block. 2 x 500 lb. G.P. and 1 x 265 lb. frag. bombs were dropped on a bridge at W-019452. No hits were scored. 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bomb was jettisoned armed at V-958443. Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered W and N of Breisach. Time down at A-96, 1646 hours. WP

B. 1. 35 x P47D's.
2. 33 completed mission.
3. 2
1 - A0 - Radio out.
1 - D - Escort.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 3 CAT 1 - Flak
8. 33 sorties.

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C. 1. 9 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. None.

D. 1. 72:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 66,500 x .50 cal.
6,500.
None.

F. 1. 62 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
15 x 100 lb. W.P.
4 x 265 lb. Frag.
2. 55 x 500 lb.
11 x 100 lb.
4 x 265 lb.
3. 5 x 500 lb.
4 x 100 lb.
4. 2 x 500 lb.

G and H; None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.
1 railcut at Karlsruhe.
2 large tanks (oil) destroyed at R-498585.
2 railcuts at R-498585,
1 highway bridge destroyed at W-015417.
1 road block at W-015417.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY F. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
24 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 24 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2602

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1400 down at 1545, target, town of Ingelheim. T.O.T. 1500, bomb run to 1500'. 4 A/C bombed at M-2353, 8 A/C bombed from M-210510 to M-230530. 2 hits at M-216523, 2 hits at M-228530, 2 at M-220530, 2 at M-228528, 2 at M-206515, 4 at M-212512, 2 at M-228526, 6 at M-202508, 2 at M-202503. Results, 1 rail cut, 1 road block, 6 buildings destroyed, 4 buildings damaged. Scant HAA at Mannheim. Intense LAA at target. Weather along Rhine CAVU, 8/10ths, 3000' to 4000' W of Mannheim, 10/10ths 3000' - 5000' at Saverne. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 500 lb Phos. WPs

Mission 2603

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1500 down at 1710. Target, road bridge at R-415487. T.O.T. 1545, bomb run to 1500', 4 hits on bridge, 3 hits on W approach, 10 hits on E. approach, 7 misses. Results, 1 bridge damaged, moderate HAA at target, scant LAA at 5-3453, scant HAA at Bitche. Weather 3/10ths to 4000' over Rhine, 10/10ths above. 2 A/C damaged. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 500 lb Phos. WPs

Mission 2604

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1510 down at 1645. Target, approximately V-9445. T.O.T. 1615, bombed from level flight at 10,000'. No results observed. Weather 9/10ths 1000' to 2000' NW of Rhine. 1 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 500 lb Phos. WPs

Note 4 B	(i)	35	
	(ii)	34	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	3	Cat. #1 Flak
	(viii)	34	
C.	(i)	2	75 gal
Note 5 D	(i)	62:50	
Note 6 E	(i)	70,000	
	(ii)	4,060	
Note 7 F	(i)	48 x 500 lb GP	
		20 x 500 lb Phos.	
	(ii)	48 x 500 lb GP	
		20 x 500 lb Phos	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
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Mission 2603

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Mission 2604

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1510 down at 1645. Target, approximately V-9445. T.O.T. 1615, bombed from level flight at 10,000'. No results observed. Weather 9/10ths 1000' to 2000' NW of Rhine. 1 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 500 lb Phos. WPo

Note 4 B	(i)	35	
	(ii)	34	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	3	Cat. #1 Flak
	(viii)	34	
C.	(i)	2	75 gal
Note 5 D	(i)	62:50	
Note 6 E	(i)	70,000	
	(ii)	4,060	
Note 7 F	(i)	48 x 500 lb GP	
		20 x 500 lb Phos.	
	(ii)	48 x 500 lb GP	
		20 x 500 lb Phos	

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 192 for the period ending Sunset 24 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: - A.O. 15, 22, and 23. Armed Recce and Close Coop.

A. (A.O. 15) 11 P-47s of 366th Squadron ea a/c carrying 2 x 500 lb GPs and 1 x 260 lb Frag dispatched at 1346 on A/R and C/C. Route flown: base to Karlsruhe, Mannheim (M-5439) Pirmasens to base. Claims: At M-4835 - 2 GPs and 1 frag - bombed 2 barges, 1 barge destroyed and 1 damaged. At M-5444 - 2 GPs and 1 frag on MT heading S, no claim, 1 road cut. At M-5249 - 2 GPs and 1 frag on 3 small buildings and 2 gun positions, 3 buildings damaged, 1 gun position destroyed. At M-5538 - 8 GPs and 3 frags on train going N with 8 passenger cars, train stopped in M/Y; no claim on train but 4 box cars destroyed in M/Y and 3 buildings damaged. At M-2737 - 4 GPs and 2 frags on M/Y had 20 box cars; no claims on cars, 1 RR building destroyed. At M-4545 - 4 GPs and 3 frags on pontoon bridge - 2 hits on bridge at E bank, bridge damaged. M/Y's in Mannheim look about 3/4ths full of boxcars, some had snow on them. At R-5897, 10 MTs heading SW. Called "Elite" but could not get into area for a target due to weather. Bridges in Mannheim area still intact, also one RR bridge in vicinity of M-4441 intact. M-5538, 50 box cars in yard also 1 train and 8 passenger cars. M-4444, 5 or 6 barges anchored on West side of Rhine. Flak: heavy, weak at M-5455. Light moderate, at M-2737. E/A nil. Time over target 1410 - 1510. Weather: 10/10ths from base to Mannheim, bottoms 1500 ft, tops 5000, Mannheim North in Rhine valley only brocken 7/10ths, bottoms 3000 ft, tops 5000 ft, visibility above overcast unlimited, below 3 to 5 miles. Time down 1545.
(A.O. 22) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron ea a/c carrying 2 x 500 lbGPs and 1 x 500 incendiarys dispatched at 1350 on C/S and A/R. Route flown: base to Colmar, Strassbourg, Wissembourg to Winden, R-278563. All bombs dropped at Winden (R-278563) believed to be

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oil dump, all hits in area, 1 rail cut, 4 direct hits on a building destroyed, 2 buildings damaged. "Kosher A" wanted squadron to recce N and NE of Colmar but weather prevented. Happened to remember dump from previous briefing so went there. 20 box cars no locos, rail covered with snow; at R-2556 line appeared inactive. 100 box cars on RR in woods at V-8038. Peculiar high pitched noise on radio when receiving information from controller; it cut out controller in Colmar district. Flak: Light, instense at V-7947. Light, intense, scant, heavy at V-7641. Light, intense at V-7844. Moderate, heavy Wissembourg. Moderate heavy at Bitche. Time over target 1430 - 1535. 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat 1. e/a nil. Weather: Colmar area 10/10ths at 3,000 - 7,000 visibility fair. Wissembourg area, 4/5/10ths, 3,000 -7,000 visibility 3-5 miles. Time down 1605.

(A.O. 23) 16 P-47s of 367th Squadron ea a/c carrying bombs totaling 38 x 500 lb GPs and 10 x 100 WPs dispatched at 1401 on C/C and A/R Schirmeck, Neuf Breisach, Emmendingen, Offenburg, alternate target at V-76054255. Route flown: Base to Schirmeck to Colmar to Mulhouse to target to base. Squadron contacted "Kosher A" who told them to bomb the town of Elsenheim at V-825513. Squadron had an excellent concentration and numerous fires were started in the center of the town. Smoke from the fires, WP bombs, and GPs made it impossible to estimate the number of buildings destroyed. Squadron made two straffing passes at the town. 34 x 500 lb GPs and 10 WPs total number of bombs dropped on town of Elsenheim. 3 GPs on town of Grussenheim at V-815497; these were hung bombs which hit in this town and started a fire. 1 GP jettisoned (armed) in vicinity N of Breisach, NRO. Flak: Light, Moderate, inaccurate at V-8251. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at V-8521. Heavy, intense, fairly accurate at V-9050 E side of the Rhine. E/A nil. Time over target 1515 - 1530. Weather: target area: 8/10ths clouds, base 2,000, tops 3,000 visibility 3 miles. Time down 1625.

B. (i) 39 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 39 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
M-4835 - 2 barges
M-5444 - MT heading S
M-5249 - 3 bldngs & 2 gun positions
M-5538 - train & 8 pass. cars going N
M-2737 - M/Y
M-4545 - Pontoon bridge
R-278563 - Winden
V-825513 - Elsenheim
V-815497 - Grussenheim
16 a/c strafed Elsenheim (V-825513)
39 a/c completed mission
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil

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(vii) 1 a/c damaged, Cat 1, flak.
(viii) 39

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 93:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 93,600 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 5,840 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 84-- 500# GP bombs - fused: nose, M103; tail, M101A2.
11-- 500# Incendiary - fused: nowe, M103; tail, M101A2.
8-- 260# Frags - fused: tail, M100A2.
13-- 100# WPs - fused: nose, M126A1; Burster M4.
(ii) 83 - 500# GPs, 11 - 500# SAPs, 8 - 260# Frags, and 13 x 100#WPs. expended as follows:
M-4835 - 2 GPs and 1 Frag on 2 barges.
M-5444 - 2 GPs and 1 Frag on MT going S.
M-5249 - 2 GPs and 1 Frag on 3 buildings and 2 gun pos.
M-5538 - 8 GPs and 3 WPs on train going N.
M-2737 - 4 GPs and 2 Fragson M/Y.
M-4545 - 4 GPs and 3 Fragson Pontoon bridge.
R-278563 (Winden) believed to be oil dump 24 GPs, 11 SAPs.
V-825513 (Elsenheim) 34 GPs and 10 WPs.
V-815497 (Grussenheim) 3 GPs.
(iii) 1 GP jettisoned (armed) N of Breisach, NRO.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 4. Railroad Cars
a) 4
6. Gun Emplacements
a) 2
Buildings
a) 5
c) 5
10 Road Cut
a) 1
11 Railroad Cut
a) 1
12 Barges
a) 1
c) 1

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

25 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

REF : [redacted]

1. Oprep A No. 134 for 24 hours ending Sunset 24 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond E. Long
RAYMOND E. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 24 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 24 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

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b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111th TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 100 for 24 hours ending sunset, 24 Jan., '45.

OPERATIONS NO. 3660, TR/12/24/12.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1415-1645. To recce Homburg-Kaiserslautern-Neustadt-Landau-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 40 plus boxcars at M/Y at Q-8383. 60 plus boxcars on siding at Q-8891. 2 MT mvg. east from Kaiserslautern. 40 plus boxcars in M/Y at Neustadt. On return overcast caused flight to descend to 400 feet. Weaver reported engine trouble, and told leader he was going to crash land. He landed safely at U-7019 at approx. 1635 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1630. WEATHER: 9/10 2-3000' over area..breaks.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Homburg-Pirmasens.(iii)-(vi)Nil. (vii) 1 F6 C damaged, and transferred to Service Group. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3661, TR/7/24/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1420-1630. To recce Saarbrucken-Kaiserslautern-Bad Dirkheim-Pirmasens-Bitche-Zweibrucken-Neunkirchen-Saarlautern. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 30 plus cars mvg NE at Q-8038.250 boxcars in M/Y at Neunkirchen..no activity. 2 groups of 20-30 troops mvg. south Q-4283. 1 MT mvg. south and 1 north Q-4283. 3 barges stationary east side of river at Q-2290. 80 boxcars on track at Q-7390. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1435-1615. WEATHER: 8/10 1-2500' in area.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saarlautern.(iii)-(vii)Nil(viii)2
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3662, TR/ 14/24/4.

A. 2 F6 C's, from 1440-1610. To recce Saarbrucken-Kaiserslautern-Bad Kreuznach-Homburg. OBSERVATIONS: 3 small MT mvg. north into Homburg, scattered. 200 plus RR cars along RR tracks from Kaiserslautern-Landshut. No other observations because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500-1550. WEATHER: 9/10 2-3000' Saarbrucken-Homburg and north.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Homburg.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3663, TR/10/24/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1445-1645. To recce R-462588-Bitche-Strassbourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 boat, about 200' long stationary at R-462588. 4 barges on Rhine at R-465560, one with steam up. 15 MT mvg. south Q-810550, mvg. toward Bitche at 1610 hrs. 6 MT mvg. west at Q-835501-Q-815505 at 1610 hrs. 10 plus MT mvg. south Q-853514 to Q-851500 at 1615 hrs. 15-20 MT scattered Q-803580-Bitche, mostly south at 1610 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500-1630. WEATHER: 10/10 Strassbourg-to the SE.8-9/10 2000'Saar basin.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking R-462588-Strassbourg-(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii)240. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3664, TR/8/24/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1535-1640. To recce Bitche-Pirmasens-Kaiserslautern-Zweibrucken. OBSERVATIONS: 10 plus HDT and a few MT mvg. south Q-8058-Bitche at 1600 hrs.30 plus HDT and a few MT south Pirmasens-Q-8058. Possibly 3 tanks stationary facing west at Q-858603. 15-20 HDT and a few MT mvg. south Q-770595-Q-784534. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate inaccurate from convoy N. of Bitche. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1550-1625. WEATHER: 7-9/10 Pirmasens-N&W.Vis.4-5 miles.
B.(1)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Pirmasens-Bitche.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii)20 rds. (iii)Nil.
F.,G.,H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENZLER, Capt., A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

24 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A. No. 131 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 24 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 336 TR/3/24/3

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 1420-1620. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 5 horse drawn transport mvg S at V-6935. (Did not call controller, bounced by P-47's at 1445.) NMS Colmar to V-7119. RR bridge at V-8613 appears unserviceable. 2 pontoons on E bank Rhine at V-8820. 75 box cars not snow covered at V-9422. RR bridge at Breisach appears unserviceable. No observations N of Colmar due to weather, 10/10 at 4000 feet. ENEMY AIR: NIL ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H Breisach. PHOTOS: NIL RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1435-1600. WEATHER: S of Colmar 2/10 at 4500 feet Vis. 10 miles.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hours G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 337 TR/6/24/6

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6B from 1415-1615. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Landings on each side of river at R-1818, but no bridge. 5 or 6 possible landing points on bot h sides of river at Germersheim on N edge. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: YES RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1435-1550. WEATHER: 10/10 2500-5000 over entire area.

PHOTOS

Vert. of landings - R-1818	2500'	025°	1450
" of possible landings - R-4769	6000'	000°	1510

B. 1 F6D & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hours G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 338 TR/17/24/17

A. 2 F6D's from 1420-1620. To recce in Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1440-1600. WEATHER: 10/10 W of Rhine, 2000 top.
B. 2 F6D's. (ii) 2 attacking Route #3. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hours G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 339 TR/19/24/19

A. 2 F6C's from 1430-1630. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather, 9/10 at 3000', low stratus covering entire route. M/Y, SE Mannheim, ½ full, 2 yard engines S/U, no apparent damage to M/Y. M/Y E of Mennheim ½ full no activity. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1610. WEATHER: 9/10 at 3000 ft entire area.
B. 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking Route #1. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hours G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) 200 rds. H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U;S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 299 for 24 hours ending sunset
24 January 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

REF: 1/24/45

OPREP A No 527 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 24 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

/Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 25 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attention: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 25 January 1945.

2. Oprep No. 193.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

26 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

REF : [redacted]

1. Oprep A No. 135 for 24 hours ending Sunset 25 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 25 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 25 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission: *b.* Escorted by:

3. Weather: Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target: (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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W. L. Korbin Jr.
Signature

W. L. KORBIN, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 101 for 24 hours ending sunset, 25 Jan., '45.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. #374 US ARMY

25 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF [redacted] C R E T

OPREP A No. 132 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 25 January 1945.

No Missions Flown This Date.

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FO R WARE, CO.

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 300 for 24 hours ending sunset
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TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron.

Ref: 1/25/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 528 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 25 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
28 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 28 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

Correction: Opreps of 24 January and 26 January should be corrected to read "500 lb M-76 Incendiary" in place of "500 lb Phos. wherever applicable.

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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29 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 28 January 1945.

2. Oprep No. 196.

For the Group Commander:

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JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

29 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S.Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

REF : [redacted]

Oprep A No. 139 for 24 hours ending Sunset 28 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 28 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a/c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A/C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bom Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 28 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
W. L. KORBIN, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 104 for 24 hours ending sunset,28 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GRITZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

28 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 135 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 28 January 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 303 for 24 hours ending sunset
28 January 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 425th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: January 28, 1945 S[redacted]

OPREP A No 631 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 28 January, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U.S.Army
31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 31 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 31 January 1945.

2. Oprep No 199.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

1 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET

1. Oprep A No. 152 for 24 hours ending Sunset 31 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 31 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Butt
Signature
JOSEPH B. BUTT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

18 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]

1. Oprep A No. 115 for 24 hours ending Sunset 17 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 31 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. No mission.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Mission cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run-Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Robin, Jr.
W. L. ROBIN, Jr.,
1st. Lt. Air Officer.
Statistics

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.CU.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.C.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 107 for 24 hours ending sunset, 31 January, '45.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

31 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S[redacted]

OPREP A NO. 136 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 31 January 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 306 for 24 hours ending sunset
31 January 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

REF: January 31, 1945. [redacted]

OPREP A No 534 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 31 January, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during period due to weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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Oprep A No. 132 for 24 hours ending Sunset 23 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 0910 on a close support mission with "Kosher" in the vicinity of Munster. "Kosher A" sent Sq. to Elfsenheim (V-8251). 14 x 500 GP and 6 x 500 Incend. on town. 1 explosion and several fires seen as planes left target. Vis. poor due to smoke from bombing. 1 x 500 GP and 1 x 500 Incend. dropped on town , both misses. 1 x 500 GP and 1 x 500 Incend. on tracks at W-1781 - missed. Sq. strafed at W-1984 3 trains of 50 boxcars ea. headed E. 6 boxcars dam., 2 locos dam. Strafed at W-5085 - 50 plus boxcars in M/Y. 5 locos dam., 1 caboose dam. Strafed at R-4409 - 6 locos dam., 1 bldg. dam. Moderate inaccurate light and heavy flak encountered at V-8251; meager inaccurate light and heavy at W-1282 and W-5085. A solid overcast at 11,000', vis. under overcast CAVU. T.O.T. 0930, T.D. 1125.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 27;00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 12,285 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 8 x 500 Incend.
(ii) 16 x 500 " " " " " 8 x 500 "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 13; 4. (C) 7.; 9. (C) 1.; 14. --- 1.

Oprep A No. 133 for 24 hours ending Sunset 23 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 0928 on a close support mission with "Kosher" and then perform armed recce in area IV. Sq. contacted "Kosher C" who assigned target of buildings at V-7034 to be marked with white smoke. 14 x 500 GP and 6 x 500 Inced. dropped with 5 near misses , 1t misses, NRO. Weak inaccurate light flak encountered at V-7043. Light overcast at 9,000', vis 10 miles at target; 10/10 at 9,000' enroute. T.O.T. 0955-1015, T.D. 1040.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Other late take off; unable to catch rest of Squadron.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

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B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 27:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 12,285 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 8 x 500 Incend.
(ii) 16 x 500 " " " " " 8 x 500 "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 13; 4. (C) 7.; 9. (C) 1.; 14. --- 1.

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B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Other late take off; unable to catch rest of Squadron.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 250.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 250 for 24 hours ending susnet 14 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0928 hours, 14 January 1945, Capt. Reese leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a supply dump at Q-750893, strong easterly wind caused all but 3 bombs to overshoot target. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were direct hits and started fires in this area. 1 locomotive headed East at Q-9899 was strafed and damaged. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered between Homburg and Zweibrucken. Time down at A-96, 1123 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1238 hours, 14 January 1945, Major Rigging leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 19 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a supply dump at Q-721738. 4 x 265 lb. frag. bombs were also dropped on this target. Most of the bombs overshot the target. 1 building was destroyed. 3 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe in a lake at Q-4118. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Ziebrucken and Q-705732. Time down at A-96, 1422 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1531 hours, 14 January 1945, Lt. Center leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. and 4 x 265 frag. bombs on a group to warehouses at Q-908680. 6 buildings were destroyed and large fires resulted. 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bomb was jettisoned armed North of Bitche. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered south of Newstadt. Time down at A-96, 1705 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0935 hours, 14 January 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. bombs on a railroad and 15 box cars at M-175014. 1 railcut was made and 5 box cars destroyed. 1 locomotive was strafed and damaged at M-106045. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at M-106045, M-175000. Time down at A-96, 1135 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0947 hours, 14 January 1945, Lt. Carrieres leading. 11 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. bombs on a bridge and an idling line of freight cars at M-178017. 2 railcuts were scored, 2 freight cars destroyed and some damage done to the bridge. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1124 hours.

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Oprep A. No. 250.
14 Jan. 1945.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1300 hours, 14 January 1945, Capt. Futch leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on a RR tunnel at M-157011. 2 bombs skipped (fusing 8 to 11 seconds) into the tunnel and blocked it. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a bridge at M-178016, 2 bridge supports were damaged. Squadron strafed and destroyed 1 truck headed West at R-146553. 1 locomotive strafed and damaged at R-328894. 1 truck strafed and destroyed at R-115573. 1 truck strafed and destroyed at R-130573. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at R-119987, R-2984, R-195560. Time down at A-96, 1513 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1247 hours, 14 January 1945, Capt. Bass leading. 11 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs on a RR bridge at M-178017. 9 near misses caused some damage. 1 nearby house was damaged. Squadron dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs on a RR bridge at M-186031, 2 near misses were scored. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned on the South side of Zwiebrucken. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1417 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1611 hours, 14 January 1945, Capt. Hotton leading. 11 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 lb. bombs on a rail track at Q-704802 and scored 1 railcut. Squadron dropped 2 x 500 lb. bombs at Q-718817 and 6 x 500 lb. bombs at Q-776868 with unobserved results. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at Q-776868 destroying 4 buildings. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at Q-704802, Q-732820. Time down at A-96, 1722 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1522 hours, 14 January 1945, Lt. Floyd leading. 11 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. bombs on a M/Y at Annweiler. 2 railcuts were scored, 1 building destroyed and huge fires started. 1 big explosion in the town of Annweiler produced a big cloud of red dust. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Bitche. Time down at A-96, 1646 hours.

A. 2 aircraft of group took off on a leaflet dropping mission from A-96 at 1238 hours, 14 January 1945, Capt. Pharr leading. 4 propaganda bombs - ZG77K - were dropped near Remling, Q-655553, and Obergailbach, Q-623578. Very good results were observed. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1416 hours.

LEAFLET DROPPING

B. 1. 2
2. 2
3 thru 7, None.
8. 2 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 5:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 3,800 x .50 cal.
2 and 3, None.
F. 1. 4 x ZG77K Propaganda bombs.
2. 4.
3 and 4, None.
G, H, I, None.

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14 Jan. 1945.

DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 117 x P47D's.
2. 115.
3. 2-C- 1 Rough Engine.
1 Oil Leak.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT I - Flak.
8. 116 sorties.
C. 1. 38 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 38.
D. 1. 206:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 222,300 x .50 cal.
2. 15,257.
3. None.
F. 1. 196 x 500 lb. (22 x 500 lb. - 8 to 11 secondssdelay(174 x 500 lb. - Normal)
22 x 100 lb. W.P.
8. x 265 lb. Frag.
2. 191
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8.
3. 5 x 500 lb.
2 x 100 lb.
4. None.
G and H, None.
I. Other Claims - On Ground.
1 supply dump damaged at Q-750893.
1 locomotive damaged at Q-9899.
1 building destroyed at Q-721738.
6 buildings destroyed at Q-908680.
1 railcut, 5 box cars destroyed at M-175014.
1 locomotive damaged at M-106045.
2 railcuts, 2 freight cars destroyed M-178017.
1 bridge damaged at M-178016.
1 truck destroyed at R-146553.
1 locomotive damaged at R-328894.
1 truck destroyed at R-115573.
1 truck destroyed at R-130573.
1 house damaged at M-178017.
1 railcut at Q-704802.
4 buildings destroyed at Q-778868.
2 railcuts, 1 building destroyed at Annweiler.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
14 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 14 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3

Mission 2566

6 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0750 down at 0900. Target, RR bridge at R-134688, bomb run to 3000'. T.O.T. 0825, 6 hits north of bridge, 5 buildings destroyed, 2 hits S. of bridge, cutting tracks, 2 hits W. of tracks & 2 hits N. of target. No AA. Weather, 8/10ths to 10/10ths base 3000' from target S. over Mts. Rhine Valley clear. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2567

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0805 down at 0955. Target, RR bridge at R-013630. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 2000', 1 near miss on bridge, 1 hit cut rails at R-016628, 1 hit cut rails at R-030605, 4 near misses along tracks, 2 hits W. of tracks, 7 hits in town at R-008668, results unobserved, 6 bombs unobserved. No AA. Weather 6/10ths, ground haze at 2000' in target area. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2568

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0810 down at 0955. Target, supply dump at Q-606657. T.O.T. 0900, bomb run to 3000', 2 hits on road S. of target, 2 hits on road W. of target, 20 hits in woods in target area, causing large explosion. Flight recced route #5. Scant small arms fire from target. Weather, Hagenau north 10/10ths between 2000' & 4000'. CAVU N. of target & Homburg 4/10ths base 2000' at target. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2569

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1015 down at 1120. Target, RR bridge at R-134688. T.O.T. 1045, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits cut rails S. of bridge, 4 hits N. of bridge, 2 buildings destroyed, 6 near misses on bridge, 4 bombs unobserved. No AA. Weather, N & NW of target clear S. of target over Mts., 5/10ths from 1000' to 2500', Bitche to base 5/10ths. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2570

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission, up at 1035 down at 1235. Target, Train at R-237863. T.O.T. 1105, bomb run to 2000'. 2 A/C bombed, 4 near misses, 4 cars destroyed & 4 tanks damaged. 10 A/C bombed supply huts at R-258505. T.O.T. 1135, bomb run to 2500', 10 hits in target area, 2 hits N. & 8 hits W. of target, no results observed. Moderate HAA at Zweibrucken, scant HAA at Wissenberg. Intense LAA, NW of target. Weather CAVU. Ground haze at target. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2571

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1050 down at 1225. Target Hq. at Q-736717, barracks at Q-733708 & supply dump at Q-734706. T.O.T. 1135, bomb run to 2000', 2 direct hits & 2 near misses on buildings at (A) Q-73637169, 14 hits in area. Intense LAA at target. Weather CAVU at target. E. of Rhine & S. of Hagenau, 10/10ths top 3000'. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2572

10 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1230 down at 1345. Target, RR bridge at R-134688. T.O.T. 1305, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on RR, NW of bridge, rail cut, 2 hits N & 2 hits S. of target, 2 near misses E. & 2 near misses W. of bridge. 2 nearmisses on tracks N. of bridge, 8 hits E. of tracks, 3 buildings destroyed. No AA. Weather, CAVU, slight haze. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2573

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1325 down at 1350. Target RR tracks at R-020673. T.O.T. 1405, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits N. of tracks, 2 hits S. of tracks on road causing block, 2 hits on MT at R-034674. 1 MT destroyed & caused road block. 5 hits N. of tracks at R-083667, 1 hit N. of here on road, causing partial block, 2 hits cut rails at R-083666. 3 hits on road at R-400677, causing block, 1 hit on RR same place, rail cut, 2 hits at R-105677 on tracks, 2 rail cuts, 2 misses to S. No AA. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2574

15 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1345 down at 1515. Target, ammo dump at R-258505. T.O.T. 1415, bomb run to 1000', 28 hits in target area. No results observed. Recced route #5. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical. Scant LAA at target. Weather, CAVU. Bombs exp: 28 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2575

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down at 1605. Target, RR bridge at R-159670. T.O.T. 1520, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on tracks at R-156672, causing rail cut, 2 hits on road W. of bridge, road blocked, 12 hits in area. Recced Landau, Neustall, Kissil, Hombourg. Strafed 3 MT at R-160634. 3 MT damaged, Scant HAA at Hombourg, scant LAA Zweibruckin. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C damaged, Cat #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2576

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1525 down at 1740. Target, Pontoon bridge at approximately M-4522. T.O.T. 1630, bomb run to 2500', 14 near misses, 4 hits W. of bridge, 2 buildings destroyed, 2 hits on approaches to bridge. Flight then Recced N. to M-6262, 3 A/C strafed airfield at M-6262, destroyed 1 MT & 3 A/C. 1 A/C damaged, Scant LAA at M-6262. Weather CAVU, slight ground haze. 1 A/C damaged, Cat #2. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2577

16 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1615 down at 1740. Target, RR bridge at R-041675. T.O.T. 1650, 8 A/C bomb run to 2500', 6 hits W. of bridge, cutting rails, 2 hits on bridge, believe bridge knocked out, 8 hits in general target area causing explosion. 8 A/C bombed tracks at R-020670. T.O.T. 1655, 4 hits on repair crane, repair crane destroyed & rails cut, 12 hits in area, results unobserved. Flight recced Bitche, Hagenau area. Scant HAA at Bitche. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 32 x 500 lb GP.

Note 4 B	(i)	132	
	(ii)	131	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	1	by flak, Cat. #1
		1	by flak, Cat. #2
	(viii)	131	
C	(i)	1	75 gal.
	(ii)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	202:00	
Note 6 E	(i)	264,000	
	(ii)	20,710	
Note 7 F	(i)	264 x 500 lb GP	
	(ii)	262 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

15 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET
Oprep A No. 98 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 0855 on a close support with "Atkin" or to hit a supply dump at R-364394. 24 x 500 and 7 x 100 at R-199351 on town, enemy strongpoint and mobile guns, at request of "Elite Fox 1", who marked target with smoke. 2 buildings on fire and 1 truck damaged. 2 Church steeples in W end of town strafed at request of controller. Sq. also contacted "Elite". Moderate accurate heavy and light flak at R-199351. Over target, 9/10 2-3,000', vis. good. T.O.T. 0930-1030, T.D. 1043.

B. (i) 12 P-478s
(ii) 11 "
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 P-47 e/a - Me-109
(v) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 8,060 " " "
(iii) 2,500 " " "

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant; 8 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " 7 x 100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL; (1 x 100 returned to base.).

G. 1st Lt. Jack T. McWilliams O-710733 MIA. Bounce by e/a Me-109. Flight leader called out to break into e/a, but Lt. McWilliams did not.

H. (i) to (iii) NIL
(iv) 15 Me-109's.

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Oprep A No. 99 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster, took off at 0905 on a RR cut between Winne weiler and Marnheim, M-1008 and M-2315. 32 x 500 on rails with four railcuts in area W-1585, M1610. 1 hit highway at M-1610. At Offenburg M/Y 200 plus boxcars and six engines under steam. 2 locos destroyed, 2 dam. Sq. contacted "Baggage". Meager inaccurate heavy and light flak encountered at Kaiserlautern and Offenburg. 5/10 at 2,000', vis 8 miles at target area. T.O.T. 0935, T.D. 1115.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 16 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 16

C. NIL

D. (i) 43:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 40,320 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 5,624 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 Tail.
(ii) 32 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

G. and H. NIL

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(C) 2

Oprep A No. 100 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 52 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Wright, took off at 1208 on a railcut from M-1008 and M-2215. 20 x 500 on rails with 5 direct hits cutting rails in 4 places. Area M-1810. 2 x 500 jet. armed at Q-5885. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak encountered at R-2532. No rail or road movement observed. Weather was Cavu. T.O.T. 1255-1325, T. D. 1352.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 20:50 hours.
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

G. and H. NIL

I. 11. (A) 4.

Oprep A No. 101 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 53. XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1223 on a close support mission with "Elite" or to hit tanks and town at Buhl at R-2035. 23 x 500 and 3 x 100 on tanks in town of Buhl at R-2035 which was assigned and marked with red smoke by Elite Fox 1. Six fires, believed gasoline, started in W part of Buhl. 3 x 100 and 1 x 500 missed 2 locos. 1 loco and 20 boxcars at R-0167 facing E. 3 locos and 20 boxcars strafed and damaged, and 1 rail cut. 1 x 100 jet in lake at Q-2922. Moderate accurate heavy and light flak encountered at R-2133 and R-1933. Weather was clear with vis 5. miles. T.O.T. 1310-1330, T.D. 1422.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) Nil.
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 23:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 5,120 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, 1025 tail. 7x100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " 6x " " "
(iii) 1x " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 102 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 54 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Delaney, took off at 1333 on a railcut between M-1108 and M-2214. 20 x 500 on rail lines and 7 cuts between M-1108 and M-1810. Also the approach to highway bridge (road cut) was hit, M-1108. Meager accurate, heavy flak encountered at R-2884. While Sq. was at 14,000' 2 jet contrails were observed at 22,000 in the Mannheim area. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1355, T.D. 1503.

B. (i) 10 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. NIL

D. (i) 18:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 25,200 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL.

F. (i) 20 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 Tail.
(ii) 20 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 10. (A) 1
11. (A) 7

Oprep A No. 103 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 55 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Wagner, took off at 1454 on a railcut between M-1008 and M-2215, however, mission turned in to be a fighter Sweep. 50 plus Me-109's and Fw-190's encountered 15 miles W of Worms. Six Me-262's at 25,000' as top cover. 1 flight bounced by 12 M3-109's at 18,000'. One P-47 wing severed at Pedo tube in head-on pass by Me-109, which, was also dam in collision. Sq. jettisoned 22 x 500 armed, 15 miles SW of Worms during bounce. 1 u/i e/a seen going down in flames. 2 u/i a/c seen to blow up in air-collision. 1 Me-109 probably dest. by Lt. Lamb. Pieces were falling off e/a and out of countrol. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1535, T.D. 1621.

B. (i) 12 P-47's (iv), (v) and (vii) NIL
(ii) 11 " (vi) 1 P-47 e/a Me-109.
(iii) (a), (d), and (b) NIL, (c) 1-Engine instruments oil temperature guage.
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 17:25 hours.
(ii) Nil

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Oprep A No. 103 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945 (Cont'd).

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 2,000 " " "

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil (2 x 500 returned to base).

G. 1st Lt. William R. Lamb - O-687381 Me-109 KIA Crashed at Z-859755. Wing man saw him unbuckle strap and stand up in cockpit Plane crashed.

H. (i) Nil
(ii) In the Air: 1 Me-109 1st Lt. William R. Lamb ~~O-68781~~ O-687381
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 104 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945 (Cont'd).
Mission or Operation No. 86 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 1544 on a close support mission with "Elite" or to D/B supplies at Q-713655 and Q-692637. 22 x 500 and 6 x 100 on supplies at Q-713655 and Q-692637. A good concentration of bombs fell on target, but no results were observed due to woods. 1 x 100 jet at Q-6970. Flak encountered over Zweibrucken, heavy; at Q-8560, Q-6060, R-2058, R-1032, R-1708, Q-7164, and Q-8060, light. A slight haze with vis. 2 miles, prevailed. T.O.T. 1610, T.D. 1715.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), (d) NIL; (c) 1-Radio Failure - went out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 640 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 Nose, .025 tail. 8 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " " 7 x 100 " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " " 1 x 100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. H. and I. NIL.

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Oprep A No. 105 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne took off at 0840 on an A/R and railcut between M-1008 and M-2215. 32 x 500 on target with 2 railcuts at M-1208, 1 railcut at M-1610 and 1 at M-1008. Sq. contacted both "Elite" and "Baggage". Moderate inaccurate light flak encountered at M-1209. Over target 5/10 cumulus 800-2000', vis. 2 miles. 3 Me-109's bounced 2 of our P-47's at 18,000' and dived away. T.O.T. 0930-1000, T.D. 1037.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 16 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 2 P-47's 1 "AC" 1 "E" e/a Me-109.
(viii) 16

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 33:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 32,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 400 " " "
(iii) 4,000 " " "

F. (i) 32 x 500 G.P. 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 32 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. Nil

H. (i) to (iii) NIL
(iv) 3 Me-109's.

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For The Commanding Officer:

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 JAN. 1945 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____
2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - WEATHER ENROUTE.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt Rele...
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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For ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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For ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 90 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3625, TR/14/14/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0950-1205. To recce and photo in Saargemund-Saarbrucken-R-178925-Homburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 200 plus boxcars in Saarbrucken M/Y. 150 plus boxcars in St. Ingbert M/Y. 1 car mvg. SW from Homburg. 200 plus boxcars in west Homburg M/Y, 300 plus boxcars in east Homburg M/Y, about 30 flat cars in both M/Y's. 25 boxcars and tank cars at R-178925..about half in tunnel. F/B's were called and cars were hit. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Homburg. PHOTOS: 32 car train on SE track, no apparent damage before bombing, no loading enroute. Tunnel entrance intact, no apparent damage before bombing, main rail lines in this vicinity intact, and serviceable, highways not blocked.. all in Q-6584 area.50) CAR train on east bound tracks, no damage at at Q-590752. 8 RR cars stationary, lines all clear, apparently before bombing at Q-592742. 4 gun battery (H) unoccupied at Q-588744. 4 gun battery (L) unoccupied at Q-588744. 3 gun battery (L) unoccupied at Q-585742. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1010-1145. WEATHER: CAVU,ground haz
B.(i)2 F6 C's. (ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Homburg.(iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii) 675. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3626, TR/10/14/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0955-1100. To recce Strassbourg-Colmar area. OBSERVATIONS: Two small fires, appear to be house set on fire by artillery shelling at V-9168 Witternheim. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA:1015-1045. WEATHER: Ground fog in Colmar area, 10/10E. of Colmar Rheinau-Basel..rest CAVU.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-Colmar.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3627, TR/12/14/12.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1120-1250. To recce Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: 75 boxcars in M/Y at Saarlautern, Approx. 100 flat cars, 200 boxcars in M/Y at Neuenkirchen. 75 boxcars at St. Wendel. 30 plus boxcars in M/Y at Ottweiler. Aboub 50 flat cars, 150 boxcars in M/Y at Homburg. Two new bomb craters in center of Homburg M/Y. 2 MT stationary facing west Q-8394. 10 MT stationary facing north at Q-9497. 150 RR cars in M/Y just west of Kaiserslautern. 150 plus boxcars in M/Y at Kaiserslautern. 1 MT mvg. east R-2885. 250 plus boxcars in Neustadt M/Y100 plus boxcars in M/Y at R-2976. 250 plus boxcars in Landau M/Y. 1 locomotive mvg. north in Landau M/Y. 1 ambulance mvg. east AT R-1067. 150 boxcars in M/Y at Q-9174. 1 MT mvg. west at Q-8070. 150 plus boxcars in Zweibrucken M/Y...M/Y appears to be intact. 100 plus boxcars at St. Ingbert M/Y. Saarbrucken M/Y well clobberd Tracks leading into tunnels at R-188910 and R-188917 covered with dirt. One line cut, other intacat at M-110068. No RR cut at M-186033. RRR cut at M-1710. Four bomb craters at M-1710 on highway. Bridge intact, rail intact, but bed under tracks is out at R-134688. Dirt on track entrance at R-2090. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1135-1235. WEATHER: CAVU.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attacking Route 4.(iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E.2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3628, TR/64/21.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1145-1300. To photo in Zweibrucken-Q-6964 area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. south at Q-694638. Mission returned to base due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK:Heavy-scant-accurate at Q-6967. Heavy-moderate-inaccurate at Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Trackage near slit trenches at road intersection at Q-695653. Military activity near barn bldgs. at Q-684644. 4 gun battery (H) occupied at Q-694641. 3 gun battery (L) occupied at Q-693640. 9 unoccupied revettments for SP guns, area has been shelled at Q-690642. 3 gun SP revettment unoccupied at Q-688635. 3 gun battery (L) unoccupied at Q-686636.
RADIO CONTACT:Good. TIME OVER AREA:1200-1245. WEATHER: CAVU, hazy.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3628, TR/64/21 Cont'd.

B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attackingZweibrucken-Q-6964.(iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3629, TR/8/14/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1155-1425. To recce Bitche-Pirmasens-Zweibrucken-Saarbrucken-Forbach-Saargemund-Hornbach area. OBSERVATIONS:3 MT mvg. SW out of Pirmasens. 1 MT mvg. NE at Q-9275. 4 MT mvg. west at Q-8874, and two MT mvg. east at Q-8874. 3 MT mvg. north at Q-694760. Our MT in Hornbach. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-inaccurate at Bitche. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1230-1410. WEATHER: CAVU.
B.(i) 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2attacking Bitche-Hornbach.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E.2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii),
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3630, TR/15/14/15.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1305-1510. To recce and photo in Saargemund-Saarbrucken-Homburg-Bad Kreuznach-Bingen-Mainz-Worms-Karlsruhe-Germersheim area. OBSERVATIONS: RR bridge across gorge at M-0836 damaged. 20 barges in Rhine from Bingen-M-1753. Pontoon bridge across Rhine at M-3159 with center pontoons out, but nearby in center of river. 1 small MT and 3 large MT mvg. north at M-4252. Both approaches to bridge at M-4055 appear to be damaged. Pontoon bridge across Rhine at M-4522 with 4-5 spans out of center nearby in center of Rhine. No A/C observed on A/D at Germersheim. Bridge at Germersheim intact. 75-100 boxcars stationary with snow on tops at R-3465 to R-3462. Bridge at Karlsruhe intact. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at M-4047, Worms, and at R-4199. PHOTOS: RR bridge out, both north and south bound tracks severed at M-082351. 24 RR cars and 5 locomotives with no steam up in M/Y-2% of M/Y damaged at M-080348. RR bridge to NW intacta at M-074348. 4 main RR lines to NW intact at M-0748. RR bridge out..N-S lines cut at M-077343. 45 RR cars in M/Y, 15-20 cars have been moved..2% or less of M/Y damaged..facilities appear serviceable-bridges apper severely damaged--Loading light in both yards--1-2%cars in yards are loading--1-5% of bldgs. are damaged near M/Y's--less than 5% of bridges repaired--all at M-075340. 3 gun batteries (L) unoccupied at M-074353, M-075349, M-070349, M-068347, M-070339. 3 gun battery MG/AA at M-075349 occupied. 3 gun battery (L) occupied at M-069341. Main road bridges out at M-493057. 50-60% of business section of Frankenthal destroyed. 2 large factories west and SE of M/Y are 90% intact at M-442040 and M-450034. 100 plus cars in M/Y.. damage to all--center of impact in town--facilities serviceable-15-20% loading activity--medium loading activity in yard--through lines are serviceable--north-south M/Y are 90% serviceable--all at M-444045. 8-10 gun battery (H) occupied at M-451999. 4-6 gun battery (H) occupied at M-451999. 3 gun battery (L) occupied at M-451999. Two 4-6 gun batteries (H) occupied at M-457034. RADIO CONTACT: Good.. TIME OVER AREA:1320-1445.WEATHER:CAVU.
B. (i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Germersheim.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2
C. Nil. D. 4 HRS 10 MINS. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 240. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3631, PR/12/13/164.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1320-1520. To photo in Haguenau-Karlsruhe-Mainz-Bingen-Bad Kreuznach. OBSERVATIONS: No bridge across Rhine at Selz R-2932. Bingen bridge intact, bom hits on south approach. Tug mvg. east on Rhine at M-3458. 35 plus barges on both sides of Rhine between Bingen and Mainz. 2 locomotives with steam up Mainz SE M/Y. 2 MT mvg. SW across bridge at M-3955. 1 MT mvg. NW between Heidelberg and Mannheim. Germersheim A/D 1 landing strip, E-W, cleared off. Two landing strips NE corner of Frankfurt A/D NE/SW. ENEMY AIR:Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Selz area, and also at Ludwigshafen. Heavy-scant-accurate at Worms. PHOTOS: Unsucessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1500. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i)2 F6C'S.(ii)2 attacking Haguenau-BadKreuznach.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS No. 3632, TR/11/14/11.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1400-1600. To recce Breisach-Neuenberg-Freiburg-Rottweil-Pforzheim-Strassbourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 10 MT mvg. west at V-8038. RR bridge at Breisach intactHighway bridge at Breisach is out. Bridge across Rhine at V-9869 is out. 1 train stationary facing south with 10 cars , 1 locomotive with steam up and 100 cars in M/Y at Freiburg. 1 train with 100 boxcars stationary facing west at Neustadt W-3624. 1 train with

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OPERATIONS NO. 3632, TR/11/14/11 Cont'd.

A. Cont'd. 50 cars stationary facing SW at W-4521. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1545. WEATHER: 9/10 1-3000' Strassbourg-Neuenberg, 10/10 1-3000' from Villingen-Offenburg.
B. (i)2 F6C'S.(ii)2 attacking Breisach-Freiburg.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3633, ~~XXXXXX~~ TR/9/14/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1440-1640. To recce Saarbrucken-Zweibrucken-Pirmasens-Pirmasens-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: Dense gray smoke over western parts of Saarbrucken. 2 or 3 fires in city. 100 plus boxcars and 1 locomotive with steam up facing east in M/Y at Q-486757. 150 plus RR cars in Zweibrucken M/Y. Woods NE of Bitche being heavily shelled. 3 MT scattered mvg. west Q-8442 to Q-7445. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-inaccurate at Pirmasens. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1455-1625. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No. 3634, TR/13/14/13.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1500-1700. To recce Saarbrucken-Landau-Neustadt-Saarlautern area. OBSERVATIONS: 6-8 boxcars all burned area around bars blackened at Q-727713. No rail cuts east of Landau to Germersheim. 3 MT mvg. SE into Edenkoben. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515-1645. WEATHER: CAVU.
B.(1)2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saarlautern.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)
C. Nil. D.4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii). 2.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3635, PR/12/14/167.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1600-1700. To photo in Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: None. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: No activity-yards empty-no apparent damage-tracks appear intact--all at Q-779501. Old fort appears fairly intact..some bldgs. damaged at Q-776503. Old fort--little damage at Q-776512. Military barracks occupied and intact at Q-781505. Strongly defended points at Q-784523 and Q-785516. Rails cut--military barracks area severely damaged at Q-805506. Bivouac area--barbed wire trackage--little if any bomb damage at Q-806570. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-;645. WEATHER: CAVU..light ground haze..no sun.
B.(1)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Bitche area. (iii)-(vii)Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 20 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
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TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A No. 121 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 14 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 303 (TR/1/14/1)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0945-1145. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y W1893, 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Kehl 1/4 full, NMS, in entire area. Possible pilings in river at R1818. No pontoon bridge between Strassbourg and Karlsruhe. No pontoons visible. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H Lauterburg. M-I-L R1315. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1002-1128. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 304 (TR/20/15/13/20)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1030-1300. Arty/Recce at Area "Q73066502. OBSERVATIONS: Artillery adjustment RR station Q73066502. Contacted battery at 1055. Adjusted first round at 1100. First round no burst observed. After three rounds gun fired air burst, round was unobserved. Second air burst 4000' height, 1500 yards south of target. Third air burst 3000', 800 yards south of target. Next round ground fired burst. None of the following rounds 6 to 8 unobserved. Pilot believed snow bit burst. Battery told pilot to return to base at 1230. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: L-M-I Q7161, L-I-A Q7465, H-S-I Q7368, L-I-A,-Q7065, L-M-I Q7561. PHOTOS: Vertical-Town-Q7365, 6000', 270° at 1215. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1055-1230. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Q73066502. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 5:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 305 (TR/18/14/18)

A. 2 F6C's from 1000-1200. To recce on "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y NE edge of Saarbrucken has been bombed and appears unserviceable. M/Ys at Neukirchen bombed, but appeared serviceable. 100 mixed RR cars MY STAT, Werdell, NMS. 200 plus car s M/Y Kirn. 2 Switch engines working. 100 cars M/Y Sobernheim, NMS. M/Y E edge of Bad Kreuznach bombed, but appears serviceable. M/Y Worms, 1/2 full 2 locos, steam up, STAT. 1 M/T moving N into Worms. Train 40 mixed cars, NE at R6497. M/Y S edge of Mannheim 1/2 full. 1 Switch engine working. 1 Switch engine moving N into Schwetzinger. RR bridges at Ladenburg serviceable. M/Y S of Karlsruhe 1/3 full. M/Y has been bombed and some cars knocked off tracks, but yard appears serviceable. Scattered cars on almost all sidings between Worms and Karlsruhe. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015-1140. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking "Route 1". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 306 (TR/4/14/4)

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 1100-1245. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NMS on RRs or HWYs in entire area, with exception of 1 staff car moving E R0535. RR & HWY bridge across Rhine at Karlsruhe serviceable. Fires in town at R150395. and R1038. M/Y Landau empty. M/Y Pirmasens empty. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H R2345. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1120-1225. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited. Ground haze limiting visibility to 5 miles.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:30 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 307 (TR/16/14/16 and PR/12/08/156)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1105-1305. To recce on "Route 3". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Zweibrucken 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Kaiserlautern 1/4 full, NMS. Loco moving S out of Bad Durkheim, M/Y Neustadt 3/4 full. No M/T seen on entire route. Town burning at R135340 and R185345. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Vert. M/Y, Q9893, 6000', 360° at 1140. Vert.-RR Bridge, M2682764 and M272282, 5000', 240°, at 1200. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1130-1240. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited. Visibility 8 miles.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route "3". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 308 (TR/5/14/5)

A. 2 F6Cs from 1115-1315. To recce and photo in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Germersheim 1/2 full box-cars. 2 locos steam up in M/Y. 3 barrage balloons. at 2-3000 feet in M/Y Germersheim. 30 box-cars STAT at R3569. Landau M/Y 1/4 full, no activity seen. Neustadt M/Y 1/2 full. No rail movement Landau-Zweibrucken. 1 M/T with trailer moving West at R3966. ENEMY AIR: 1 ME 262 at 500', moving East. P-51s made pass could not close at 1130 hours at 10 miles Northeast Strassbourg. 1ME 262 made pass from East at 6000' at R1823. No fire from enemy plane. 1 P-51 fired at a/c, NRO. ENEMY FLAK: H-I-Inaccurate Q6981. PHOTOS: Vert.-Gun position, R3968, 5000', 90°, at 1145. Oblique,- Fortifications Q9169, 4000', 270°, at 1210. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1130-1255. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 309 (TR/2/14/2 and PR/12/11/160).

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1230-1430. To recce and photo in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: R2932 - 5 small row boats west bank river. 3 pontoons west side river R1514. 3 pontoons east side river R1716. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: L-M-A R3737. PHOTOS: Vert., Dump, R2965, 6500', 180°, at 1400. Dump Q9374-Q9178, 6000', 310°, at 1410. Dump, Q8369, 6000', 320°, at 1420. Dump, Q7373, 6000', 170°, at 1425. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1245-1415. WEATHER: Slight haze, Rhine area. N of Strassbourg, 10/10 strato cumulus SW Strassbourg.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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OPERATIONS NO. 310 (TR/6/14/6)

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6D from 1330-1530. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: No bridge at R2932. RR Bridge out at R2828. RR Bridge at Pfortz (R4149) serviceable. 2 barrage balloons over Germersheim at 1800 feet. M/Y Germersheim 1/2 full of box-cars. No MS. M/Y Landau 1/2 full, NMS. Town at R3071 being dive-bombed by P-47s. Approximately 80 cars on siding at Onnweiler (R1667). 12 cars of train sticking out of E end of tunnel at Q950708, both ends of tunnel open. 40-50 cars on siding at W end of tunnel at Q950708. M/Y Pirmasens 1/2 full, NMS. M/Ys E edge of Permisens 1/3 full, NMS in entire area. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L Landau. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1440. WEATHER: CAVU north of Hageneau 10/10 3-5000' S of Hageneau.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "B" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) 100 rds. (iii) Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 311 (TR/19/14/19)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1325-1435. To recce in Route "1". OBSERVATIONS: 30 small boats at R2018. Landings on either side of river at R1512. Many gun positions on E side of Rhine at R1817. Bridge serviceable at Pfortz (R4149). ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1355-1410. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited. Light haze.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "Route 1". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2:20 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. NIL
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 312 (TR/3/14/3)

A. 2 F6Cs from 1400-1600. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Bridge R1718 cut. RR Perallel river both sides seem well used. R2834 serviceable. ENEMY AIR: 1 ME 262 1500 hrs., 6000', NE, S of Karlsruhe. 2 ME 262s N 1000' E of Landau, 1535. ENEMY-FLAK: M-H-A R3045. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1540. WEATHER: CAVU with slight haze.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vi) Nil (vii) Unknown (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
(Battle damage-1 plane landed at Y-2, damage unknown)
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 313 (TR/17/14/17)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1400-1600). To recce in Area "Route 3". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T moving E at R11960., another appears used great deal on south side moving East. P-47s started fires in M/Y Alzez. NMS-Lendau-Wissembourg. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: H-S-Inaccurate R3763. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1545. WEATHER: No ceiling, visibility 5 miles.
B. 1 F6c and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "Route 3". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) 1300 rds (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 314 (TR/21/14/34)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1505-1705. To recce in Area "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: Objects resembling pilings across river in two rows. Piling spaced approx. 10 feet apart. HWY and RR Bridge across Rhine at Karlsruhe serviceable. RR Bridge Germersheim serv. HWY and RR Bridge Speyer serv. RR Bridge Ludwigshaven serv. Autobahn bridge at M4906 unserv., E end knocked out. Pontoons along E side of Rhine, strung along bank of Rhine just downstream from bridge at M4906. HWY Bridges and RR Bridges serv., at Worms, approaches damaged. Pontoon bridge being assembled and almost completed at M4522, and at Oppenheim. RR Bridges and HWY Bridge at Mainz serv. Bridge at M1553 serv. but M/Y just S of Bridey, badly damaged. HWY Bridges at M3159 serv. A/D at M3253, no A/C or activity. Shot 4 orange flares from A/D.

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ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Vert., Bridge at R0906, 6500', 70°, at 1530. Vert., Bridge, R1818 at 6000', 70°, at 1532. RADIO CONTACT: Good.
TIME OVER AREA: 1523-1635. WEATHER: CAVU - Haze.

B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking "Route 1" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Cyclic "A" No. 20) for 24 hours ending sunset
14 January 1945

Ninth U.S.A. - 31/3496 - (G)

a. 1 P-5a from 1335a to 1535a. To photo target: Mainz R/Bridges, R-5796, R/Bridge at Mainz - R-894, Worms R/Y., Mannheim R/Y., Mannheim R/I, Worms R/I, Heidelberg R/I, Bruchsal R/I. Good - Visibility. Mil Flak Encl: Mil Enemy Encl: In three (3) strips over Mannheim - pilot received five (5), from 3 of five (5) bursts each inaccurate flak at 20,000 ft., - completed mission. Photo: Mainz R/Bridges R-5796, R/Bridge at Mainz, R-894, Worms R/Y., Mannheim R/Y., Mannheim R/I, Worms R/I, Heidelberg R/I, Bruchsal R/I. Radio Security: Good. Time Over Mainz: 1443a. to 1515a. Camera: One - Vertical Strip Mapper. Mission successful. (Wallace C. Osworth, 1st Lt.,

b. (1), P-5a (1), 1 attacking target: R/Bridge at Mainz-R-5796, R/Y at Mainz - R-894, Worms R/Y., Mannheim R/Y., Mannheim R/I, Worms R/I, Heidelberg R/I, Bruchsal R/I.
(i) Mil (ii) Mil (iii) Mil (iv) Mil (v) Mil (vi) Mil (vii) Mil (viii) Mil (ix) Mil

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Form 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATLANTIC 28 300)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

S E C R E T

Recce "A" No. 289 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 24/3477 - (28)

A. 1 A-24, from 1142A to 1554A. Re-Note targets: Bensheim Area three (3) and one half mile radius, Bensheim Area, two (2) mile radius, R/W's at R-0142OA, Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045, R/W's at Mulendorf Bingen R/W's, Block Coverage: A-8999 to A-9597 to 9297 to A-9299 to A-8999. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil TARGETS: Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-8030 to V-8045. R/W Bridge at Mulendorf A-4420. RADIO OF TRUE: Good, VIS OVER AREA: 1400A to 1500A. WEATHER: 10/10ths in areas not claimed - scattered stratus in parts of some areas claimed. Mission partially successful. (Millip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.,

B. (i) A-24, (ii) 1 attacking target: Bensheim Area - three and one - half (3½) mile radius, Bingen Area - two (2) mile radius - , R/W's at R-0142OA, Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045, R/W's at Mulendorf, Bingen R/W's, Block Coverage: A-8999 to A-8597 to 9297 to A-9299 to A-8999. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

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Form 34a

TO: H.q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION: [illegible])

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC Sq., APO 374, U. S. Army

S E C R E T:

Operations No. 20, for 24 hours ending sunset
14 January, 1945

Mission No. ---- 34/20/S -1 (AE)

A. 1 A-24 from 1320A to 1542A. - to photo target: Block coverage A-4040 to A-3445 to A-1624 to A-0900 to A-4046, Dump A-2704?, Mastatt, Marlerune. OBSERVATION: one (1) ME 262 one half mile away - no attack. Over Luxem at 1500A at 20,000 ft. pilot pulled 30 inches mercury - stuck nose down and came home after he finished job. OTHER A/C: 1 ME 262 one half mile away - no attack. OTHER FLAK: Vil Dumlip: Dump A-2704?, Mastatt, Marlerune. RADIO SILENCE: Good. TIME OVER TARGET: 1425A to 1500A. WEATHER: Clear - overcast haze. Mission personally successful. (Donald E. Quinn, and Lt.)

B. (1) F-24 (11) 1 attack. target: Block coverage A-4040 to A-3445 to A-1624 to A-0900 to A-4046, Dump A-2704?, Mastatt, Marlerune (iii) Vil (iv) Vil (v) Vil (vi) Vil (vii) Vil (viii) 1

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APO 374

TO:- H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN:PIOT APO 696)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO MAP SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

S E C R E T

Operation No. 26, for 24 hours ending sunset
14 January 1945

TASK FORCE U.S. - 34(26) ----(26)

a. 1 F-9Z from 1345A to 1550A. To photo target: Block coverage 4-740Z to M-080Z to M-0545 to 4-7458 to 4-740Z, Firmasens S.D.A. CODE/WORD: twenty (20) blue eagles circling over Dibble. Pilot climbed above eagles finished mapping and returned. Eagles at 10,000 at 1540A. ENEMY AIR: twenty (20) blue eagles circling over Dibble. ENEMY A/A: Nil encountered: Six (6) strips from Pomessel to Firmasens, block coverage 4-740Z to M-080Z to M-0545 to 4-7458 to 4-740Z, Firmasens S.D.A. RADIO SILENCE: 0001. TIME THAT AGENDA: 1345A to 1550A. WEATHER: Unto. Mission successful. (Major C. Andres, Jr. 1/0)

b. (i) F-9Z (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage 4-740Z to M-080Z to M-0545 to 4-7458 to 4-740Z, Firmasens S.D.A. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil
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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: [illegible])

FROM: 34th Medium Bomb Gp., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Take off No. 1 for 24 hours ending midnight
14 January 1945

Mission No. - 34/300 - (Dy)

a. 1 sqn from 1035A to 1055A - to place targets [illegible] to I-[illegible]'s assembly, at Eindhoven, Helmond, [illegible] Bourg, [illegible] w/1 Gembloux, w/1 Louvain, w/1 Tirlemont, w/1 Landen, w/1 Tongeren, w/1 Maastricht, w/1 Vechel, w/1 Beverlo, w/1 Diest. Undercast. Will glass nose. Will [illegible] from. Will [illegible] w/1 [illegible] to [illegible], Ham [illegible], w/1 [illegible], w/1 Sustbrecken. Heavy cultivated. Good. Good visibility. Light to [illegible]. Smoke - [illegible] Navs. Mission partially successful. (Assembly [illegible], but [illegible].

b. (1) 1035A [illegible], 1 squadron targets: w/1 [illegible] to I-[illegible], Eindhoven, Helmond, [illegible], Bourg, [illegible], w/1 Gembloux, w/1 Louvain, w/1 Tirlemont, w/1 Landen, w/1 Tongeren, w/1 Maastricht, w/1 Vechel, w/1 Beverlo, w/1 Diest, w/1 Sustbrecken, w/1 Gembloux. (All) Will (IV) Will (V) Will (VI) Will (VII) Will (VIII) Will (IX) Will

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Form 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 300)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

S E C R E T

Sitrep "A" No: 259 For 24 hours ending sunset
14 January 1945

Mission U.S. - 34/3301 - (31)

A. 1 F-5L, from 1330A to 1530A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-0660 to R-4760 to G-2421 to R-0545 to R-0660. OBSERVATION: Nil ATTACK MADE: Nil Heavy Flak: Intense - Five (5) bursts of heavy, accurate Flak over Luxembourg at 20,000 Ft., PHOTOS: Block coverage: R-0660 to R-4760 to G-2421 to R-0545 to R-0660. and Block Coverage: R-4760 - R-5445 - R-1892 - R-0500 - R-4760. PHOTO QUALITY: Good. Time Over Area: 1400A to 1445A. Material: Slight Haze. Mission successful. (Charles T. Mc, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5L, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-0660 to R-4760 to G-2421 to R-0545 to R-0660.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

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E. Nil
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Form 54A.

TO: H.q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON., A.P.O. 374 - U. S. Army

S E C R E T

Oper. A.M. No: 289 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 January 1945

(Code) U.S. - 21/3302 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1530A. To photo target: Block Coverage - R-1018 to R-1827 to R-1505 to R-1005 to R-1018, Rd/Bridges at Karlsruhe, Germersheim Rd/B, Speyer Rd/B, Block Coverage - R-4048 to R-5245 to R-1892 to R-0500 to R-4040., Block Coverage: R-2806 to R-1524 to R-1823 to R-2806., Germersheim A/Y, Speyer A/Y, R-0630 - R-4700 - G-2201 - R-0545 - R-0630. OBSERVATIONS: Nil BDA/X AIR: Nil BDA/X FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage R-1018 to R-1827 to R-1505 to R-1005 to R-1018, Karlsruhe Rd/Bridges - R-4148, Germersheim Rd/B - R-4709, Speyer Rd/B - R-5230, Block Coverage R-4048 to R-5245 to R-1892 to R-0500 to R-4040. Block Coverage R-2806 to R-1524 to R-1823 to R-2806, Germersheim A/Y, Speyer A/Y, R-0630 - R-4700 - G-2201 - R-0545 - R-0630. Karlsruhe A/Y, RADIO CONTACT: Good. FLAK OVER AREA: 1435A to 1500A. WEATHER: C.AVU - Medium Haze in area. Mission successful - (Hayden G. Vaughn., 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage - R-1018 R-1827 to R-1505 to R-1005 to R-1018, Karlsruhe Rd/Bridges, Germersheim Rd/B, Speyer Rd/B, Block Coverage: R-4048 to R-5245, to R-1892 to R-0500 to R-4040. Block Coverage: R-2806 to R-1524 to R-1823 to R-2806. , Germersheim A/Y, Speyer A/Y, . (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

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D. 2 hrs.
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TO: ...th Wing Air Force, (ARMY/NAVY 26 Sec)

INFO: 34th Photo Rcn Sqn., APO 374, C. O. [illegible]

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Opns. "A" No. 249 for 24 hours ending 8 noon
14 January 1945

[illegible] - 34/3203 - (22)

... 1 F-5A from 1345A to 1550A. 20 photo target: Block coverage K-0660 to K-4760 to L-4221 to K-0545 to K-0660, DUMP K-4945A. OBSERVATION: Seven(7) plus bursts of heavy, accurate flak over Karlsruh at 21,000 ft. - four (4) burst heavy inaccurate flak over western end of Karlsruhe at 20,000 ft. ATTACK: Nil ENEMY A/C: 20 bursts of heavy accurate flak over Karlsruh at 21,000 ft., four (4) burst heavy inaccurate flak over western end of Karlsruhe at 20,000 ft. REMARKS: five (5) flights lines between Rhine and Rhine river - Block coverage K-0660 to K-4760 to L-4221 to K-0545 to K-0660, Dump K-4945A. WEATHER: Good. VISIBILITY: 5/10's to 1000A. CLOUDS: 8/10 in area. Smoke haze in target area. Mission successful. (Everett L. Shettle, 2nd Lt.,

a. (1) P-51 (1) 1 attacking target: Block coverage K-0660 to K-4760 to L-4221 to K-0545 to K-0660, Dump K-4945A. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

b. Nil
c. 2 hrs. - 9 minutes
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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APO 696 or 309)

FROM: 34th PHOTO RON. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Prep 9AF Ltr Req for 24 hours ending sunset
24 January 1945

(AS510) U.S. - 24/2204 - (AF)

A. 2 P-38, from 1338A to 1350A. To photo target: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-5760 to ¢-5256 to ¢-4578 to ¢-3893. Homburg HDA., Neuenkirchen HDA, St. Wendel HDA, Homburg A/I, Neuenkirchen A/I,. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Two (2) rockets in area of Trier. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-5760 to ¢-5256 to ¢-4578 to ¢-3893, Homburg A/I, Neuenkirchen A/I, Block Coverage: ¢-5572 - ¢-7472 - ¢-7454 - ¢-5496 - ¢-5572, Block Coverage: M-0712 to M-1500 to M-2085 to M-2082 to M-0295 to M-0712 Waldsee Bridge, . WEATHER OBSERVED: Good., ALL OVER AREA: 1400A to 1435A. REMARKS: CAVU. Mission partially successful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-38, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-5760 to ¢-5256 to ¢-4578 to ¢-3893.; Homburg HDA. Neuenkirchen HDA, St. Wendal HDA, Homburg A/I, Neuenkirchen A/I,. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes
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F. Nil
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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/14/45 S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 517 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.

A. Two Beaufighters airborne on GCI Patrol in Nancy - Strasbourg area. First Patrol 17:15 to 19:00. Nothing to report. Second patrol 23:15 to 24:00. Returned to base with AI out. Nothing to report.

B. (i) Two Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) One
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Two

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 2:30

E. (i) 2000 x 20MM
12000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374 U S ARMY
18 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 251.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U S ARMY.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, APO 374, U.S ARMY.

Oprep A No. 251 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1324 hours, 15 January 1945, Lt. Marks leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. bombs on an ammunition dump at R-042597. 12 direct hits were scored but no explosions or fires resulted. 1 warehouse was damaged, 1 roadblock scored. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Bitche. Time down at A-96, 1530 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1316 hours, 15 January 1945, Capt. Rowland leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500lb. and 3 x 265 lb. frag. bombs on an ammunition dump at R-042597. 3 buildings were destroyed, 1 road block scored. Squadron strafed and destroyed 1 truck and trailer at Q-7779. Squadron dropped 7 x 100 lb. W.P. and 1 x 265 lb. frag. bombs on a locomotive with flak cars loaded with trucks and half tracks. 1 locomotive was destroyed, 8 flak cars destroyed, 3 half tracks destroyed, 3 trucks destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Q-7976. Time down at A-96, 1531 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1342 hours, 15 January 1945, Capt. Goode leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 23 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a supply dump at Q-721758. 12 direct hits were scored and 1 fire started. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was dropped on a M/Y at Homburg causing damage to the M/Y. 1 light tank and 1 armored car strafed and destroyed at R-154666. 1 staff car destroyed at R-150651. 2 trucks destroyed at R-200651. 1 truck damaged at R-189653. 2 horse-drawn vehicles destroyed at R-173649. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Homburg. Time down at A-96, 1545 hours.

B. 1. 44 x P47D's.
2. 44 completed mission.
3 thru 6, None.
7. 3 CAT I flak.
8. 44 sorties.

C. 1. 16 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 16 jettisoned.

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D. 1. 90:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 83,600 x .50 cal.
2. 7,360.
3. None.

F. 1. 72 x 500 lb. G.P. Normal fusing.
15 x 100 lb. W.P.
4 x 265 lb. Frag.
2. 72 x 500 lb.
15 x 100 lb.
4 x 265 lb.
3 and 4, None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

1 supply dump destroyed at Q-721738.
1 m/T damaged at Homburg.
1 light tanks, 1 armored cars destroyed at R-154666.
1 staff car destroyed at R-150651.
2 trucks destroyed at R-200651.
1 truck damaged at R-189653.
2 horsedrawn vehicles destroyed at R-173649.
1 ammunition dump destroyed at R-042597.
3 buildings destroyed, 1 road block, at R-042597.
1 truck and trailer destroyed at Q-7779.
1 locomotive, 8 RR cars, 3 half tracks, 3 trucks destroyed at Q-6484.
1 ammunition dump destroyed, 1 warehouse damaged, 1 roadblock at R-042597.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
15 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 15 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2578

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 1535 down at 1635 on dive bombing mission of RR and road at Q-965705. T.O.T. 1600, bomb run to 2000' with 6 hits on rails, 4 hits on road, 8 hits in woods S. of target. 2 hits SE of target, 2 near misses at Q-965708. Results, 3 rail cuts, 2 road blocks. Intense accurate LAA at Q-894697. Weather 7/10ths at 8000' from target to S. of Saverne, ground haze at base. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2579

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 1545 down at 1645 on dive bombing mission of road at Q-845502 from level flight. T.O.T. 1620. Hits unobserved but fires started in woods. 1 A/C did not get off. Scant LAA & HAA at Bitche. Weather, haze at base, 10/10ths at 4000' in Rhine Valley. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Note 4 B (i) 23
(ii) 22
(iii) c. 1
(viii) 22

Note 5 D (i) 22:00

Note 6 E (i) 46,000

Note 7 F (i) 46 x 500 lb GP
(ii) 44 x 500 lb GP
(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP EG/5
APO 374 U.S. Army

18 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 183 for the period ending Sunset 15 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16 and 24. Armed Recce Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1330 to go on A/R and D/B. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000# G.P.bombs. Route flown was base to Bitche to Hochspeyer, to Neustadt to Schifferstadt to Speyer to Zweibrucken to base. T.O.T. was 1350-1515. Flak: weak heavy at Biche and R-4275, intense light at Zweibrucken and at R-2486, and weak, heavy at R-4275. 100 cars observed between Schifferstadt at R-4787 and Speyer on tracks. 50 cars observed on track between Neustadt and Schifferstadt. Neustadt M/Y had 175 cars. 5 trucks seen headed West at R-1984. Horse corral observed in woods at R-4385; horses believed to be in corral. 1 truck going SE at R-4777, 4 barrage ballons at 5000' over Gemersheim. 8 bombs dropped on South end of tunnel at R-210887, 1 rail cut; 1 house along side of tunnel was destroyed. 8 bombs were dropped on the North end of the tunnel at R-203895 and claim rail cut. 8 bombs dropped on tunnel on N end of R-202997 and claim 1 rail cut. 2 cars damaged by strafing at R-4786. No E/A encountered; 1 P-47 damaged, flak Cat 1; Time down was 1540 hours. Weather: 10/10 base, 9000'; tops 10,000. Over Rhine haze to 7,000 ft., 10/10 above 7,000 ft. visibility 10 miles.

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11 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 1000# G.P. bombs, dispatched at 1350 hours to perform D/B and A/R mission. Followed route of Base to Biche to Pirmasens to R-1892 to Biche to Base. Time over target was 1425-1535 hours. Flak was scant, light at Q-6247. At R-1892, it was observed that there was no repair activity in the area. 8 bombs dropped on R-215882; bombed in direction of tunnels NW mouth; observed black and white smoke out of SE mouth. 4 bombs dropped at R-224880 on south end of tunnel. Partial obstruction observed after bombing. 4 bombs dropped at R-210888; bombed south end of tunnel; smoke observed from north end; 1 direct hit on Southern mouth which cut tracks. 1 pilot went down low for visual recce claimed mouth was partially obstructed. 1 hit on top of ridge of tunnel. 6 bombs dropped at R-183913 on South end of tunnel; 3 hits off of right side and 2 hits off of left side. South of the tunnel, 25 box cars were seen on both sides of the tracks. No E/A encountered; Time down was 1510 hours. Weather: 9/10ths, base 8500', tops 9500', visibility unlimited.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1336 hours to perform close support and armed recce as follows: Bouxviller, alternate target, supply dump at Q-623737, Haunenstein, Edenkoben, Leidelsheim, Karlsruhe, Wissembourg. Each A/C carried 2 x 500# GP bombs and 1 x 260# frag bomb. Followed route of base to Bouxviller to Pirmasens to Edenkoben to Wissembourg to base. Time over target; 1420-1525; time down: 1559 hours. Flak was heavy and scant at both Pirmasens and Zweibrucken. Elite, having been contacted, told squadron to go on armed recce. 6 MT's moving NW were seen at A-7867 at 1530 hours. Sqd was low on gas, heading home and this was the reason for not attacking. 8 x 500# G.P. bombs were dropped on a probable ammo dump at Q-625757. Fair concentration, but no explosions nor fire started. 8 x 500# G.P.'s and 4 x 260# Frags dropped across road from stores dump area at Q-9172. 7 bldgs destroyed and RR cut in 5 place, intervals of 20 yards apart at the above point. All bldgs were destroyed by direct hits. 8 x 500# G.P's and 4 x 260# frags dropped on power plant at Q-9173 and claim damage. 4 x 260# frags were dropped on M/Y, 2/3 full at Q-9074. M/Y contained oil cars and box cars. 1 destroyed and 4 damaged by bombs. 50 cars damaged by strafing, 1 M/T destroyed and 1 M/T damaged at R-0685 by strafing. M/T's were facing SW. No E/A encountered, 1 P-47 damaged, Catl, flak; Weather: 8/10s clouds, base 8500 ft, tops 9500, visibility 8-10 miles.

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B. (i) 35 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-210887, south end of tunnel.
R-203895, north end of tunnel.
R-202997, north end of tunnel.
4 A/C strafed at R-4786; 2 cars.
11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-224880, south end of tunnel.
R-215882, NW mouth of tunnel.
R-210888, south end of tunnel.
R-183913, south end of tunnel.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Q-623737, probable ammo dump.
Q-9172, across road from stores dump.
Q-9074, M/Y,
12 A/C strafed the following:-
R-0685, 50 cars, and M/Ts.
35 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged; by flak, Category 1.
(viii) 35

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 84:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 84,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 8,850 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 46 - 1000# G.P.' bombs-fused tail M114.
24 - 500# G.P.' bombs-fused tail M113-M114.
12 - 260# Frags fused-nose-M103; tail M100A2.
(ii) 46 - 1000#GPs, 24 - 500# GPs and 12 - 260# frags expended as follows;-
8 - 1000#GPs on South end of tunnel at R-210887.
8 - 1000#GPs on North end of tunnel at R-202997.
8 - 1000#GPs on North end of tunnel at R-203895.
8 - 1000#GPs on tunnels NW mouth, at R-215882.
4 - 1000#GPs on south end of tunnel at R-224880.
4 - 1000#GPs on south end of tunnel at R-210888.
6 - 1000#GPs on south end of tunnel at R-183913.

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8 - 500# GPs and 4-260# Frags at Q-9172, across road from stores dump area.
8 - 500#GPs on a probable ammo dump at Q-623737.
8 - 500#GPs and 4 - 260# Frags on power plant at Q-9173.
4-- 260#Frag bombs on a M/Y at Q-9074.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 56

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 8
c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 5

17. Other claims, tunnels, c) Damaged, 3

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U.S. Army

16 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET
Oprep A No. 106 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Siegrist, took off at 1405 on a close support mission with "Atkin", or to hit supply dump at Q-977935. 14 x 500 dropped on target at Q-977935, NRO. Sq. contacted "Atkin", no target assigned. Enroute, CAVU; over target - 9/10 at 7,000', vis. 7 miles with Haze. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Q-977938. T.O.T. 1445-1600, T.D. 1617.

B. (i) 8 P-47's
(ii) 7 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Engine-tachometer out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 7

C. (i) 8-75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 7-75 " " "

D. (i) 15:30 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 16,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,800 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 14 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 107 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1402 on a close support mission with "Atkin" in vicinity of Sarr Union; and perform Recce from Strasbourg, Rhine River to R-4248, Ettlingen, Baden Baden, W-1794 and to Strasbourg. Sq. contacted "Atkin" who gave no target. 3 x 500 dropped on supply dump at Q-977935, NRO. 18 x 500 fell south of target. 1 x 500 missed road junction at Q-9567. Sq. strafed at R-0267 and destroyed 3 M/T and damaged 1. Strafed at R-2070 and damaged 2 tanks that were stationary facing S. Intense accurate light flak encountered over target. 10/10 at 8,000', over target, vis. 5 miles. T.O.T. 1520, T.D. 1640.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-External tanks- would not operate properly.
(iv) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 11

C. (i) 12 2 - 150 and 10 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly Tanks.
(ii) 11 2 - 150 " 9 - 75 " " " "

D. (i) 30:10 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 7,880 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 3 2. (C) 2.
(C) 1

Oprep A No. 108 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster, took off at 1354 on a close support show with "Atkin" and then perform armed recce in the Strasbourg area. Sq. contacted "Atkin" who gave no target. Sq. went to alternate target due to weather. "Kosher" then sent Sq. to Basel, nothing attacked due to weather. Sq. then went to M/Y at Q-6083 and dropped 18 x 500. 2 fires started. 25 box cars dest. 8 x 500 jet. E of Rhine River in Strasbourg area. Weak inaccurate light flak encountered in M/Y at Q-6083. Weather over target was 10/10 at 8,000', vis. 5 miles. T.O.T. 1420, T.D. 1420.

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Oprep A No. 108 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 January 1945, (Cont'd).

B. (i) 13 P-47's
(ii) 9 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 4-Detachable Tanks-4 A/C jettisoned bombs due to failure of belly tank connections. A/C were unable to continue recce due to gas.
(iv) to (Vii) NIL
(viii) 13

C. (i) 13 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 13 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 31;15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 32,260 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 6,491 " " "
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 26 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 18 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 8 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil.

G. and H. NIL

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Reference to Oprep A No. 103 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 55 XII TAC.

1. Request Claim made in Par H. (ii) be placed in H. (i) Destroyed.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 15 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 15 Jan. 1945 Mission No. No mission

1. No. Off ____ Time Up ____ Time Down ____ Total Hours ____

2. *a.* Type Mission : ____ *b.* Escorted by : ____

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) ____ (2) ____

(3) ____ (4) ____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack ____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area ____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II) | b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Fighters, Other or Unknown) | c. Crew Casualties (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit | b. Probable No. & Type - Credit | c. Damaged No. & Type

W. J. Tobin Jr. 1st Lt.
For ASHLY E. WOODRIDGE,
LT. COL. AIR CORPS,
COMMANDING.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

15 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 122 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 15 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 315 (TR/6/15/6)

A. L F6C & 1 F6D from 1400-1615. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Road blocks R2846 consisting of logs. Roads E & NE show signs of use and between Landau and Pirmasens. Train, 10 cars Stat., facing N at R4163. Two trains Stat., S/U, facing E at R3669. 2 M/T mvg N at R2163. No other vehicle traffic seen in ent ire area. Self-propelled A/A gun in street of town Q9553. 10 M/T scattered mvg N between Q9553 & Q9549. 4 barrage balloons over A/D Germersheim at 1000-2000'. No activity or A/C on A/D at Germersheim. Trench dug both sides of HWY at R030750. 2 trains S/U facing N 2 miles NE Germersheim (R4572). ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at Q8534. M-I-L at Germersheim. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1600. WEATHER: Moderate haze.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "B" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.30 hours G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) F6D: 420 rds (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 316 (TR/17/15/17)

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1410-1615. To recce in Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg one-fourth full NMS. 45 box cars on main RR tracks at Q8088. 10 box cars on sid ing at Q8792. 75 box cars on siding at R0796. RR jct bombed out at M1108. M/Y Alzey one-fourth full NMS. M/Y Grunstadt one-half full NMS. M/Y Edenkoben three-fourths full, NMS. 2 M/T mvg W at Q9192. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, W edge of Kaiserslautern; S-I-L, Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1555. WEATHER: 10/10 N of Bad Kreuznach on deck. 9/10 over entire route 9000' base.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #3 (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.10 hours G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 317 (TR/3/15/3)

A. 2 F6D's from 1400-1600. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1540. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2000' top.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hours G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 318 (TR/19/15/19)

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1355-1555. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: No observations S of Karlsruhe 10/10 top 1000'. 1 train 30 box cars mvg E at R4970 and 1 train 50 box cars mvg E at R4868 (called intp Baggage). RR bridge at Germersheim appears serviceable. 4 barrage balloons at 2-3000' Germersheim M/Y and bridge area. Very light scatt M/T mvg mainly N Germersheim-Mannheim. 3 barges & 1 tug boat Stat. at Q5694. 1 switch engine S/U SE part Mannheim. Mannheim M/Y one-fourth full. Bridges NE part of Mannheim intact. Pontoons along both sides of river at M4422. NMS Worms-Kaiserslautern. M/Y Kaiserslautern one-half full. 100 box cars St. Wendel M/Y. M/Y Neukirchen one-half full. M/Y Saarbrucken one-fourth full.

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OPERATIONS NO. 318 (TR/19/15/19) Cont.

ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: H-I-I, Germersheim; L-S-I, Mannheim; L-S-I, Neukirchen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1535.
WEATHER: It to moderate ground haze - 8/10 at 7000' in area.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #1 (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hours
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 91 for 24 hours ending sunset, 15 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3636, TR/7/15/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1325-1530. To recce Saarbrucken-St. Ingbert-Saargemund-area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1515. WEATHER: 10/10 8000' Saarbrucken north and NW with ground haze. B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saargemund.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2 C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii). F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3637,TR/14/15/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1340-1535. To recce Saargemund-Saarbrucken-St. Ingbert-Homburg-Bad Kreuznach-Mainz-Worms-Germersheim-Karlsruhe. OBSERVATIONS: 100 plus boxcars in St. Ingbert M/Y. 200 plus boxcars in Homburg M/Y. 50 boxcars at L-8005. 100 boxcars on sidings at L-9017. 75 boxcars at L-9524. 150 plus boxcars in M/Y at L-9432. 200 plus boxcars in Bad Kreuznach M/Y. About 10 scortch marks (possibly bomb craters) in field about 100 yards north of RR line at M-218378. Bridge at M-3757 is out. 2 locomotives eith steam up and 300 plus RR cars in Mainz M/Y. 1 train with 20 boxcars, 10 appeared to be coal cars SE out of Mainz. 1 locomotive mvg. NE into Mainz. RR bridge at M-4055 intact. Bridge at Worms intact. 150 plus boxcars in Worms M/Y. Bridge at Speyer intact. . ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1355-1520. WEATHER: 10/10 8000' Saarbrucken-Bingen and NW. 10/10 1000'Germersheim S. in Rhine valley. Vis. 2 miles. B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attackingSaargemund-Karlsruhe.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2. C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 50 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3638, TR/10/15/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1410-1620. To recce Strassbourg-Colmar-Freiburg-Villingen Offenburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 trains with steam up Villingen M/Y. Approx. 100 plus boxcars in M/Y. 1 train with 30 cars..about 10 of them flat cars, mvg. south into Donaueschingen. 1 train with 20 plus boxcars mvg. SE at W-4633. 1 train with 25 bocars stationary with steam up facing north at W-5726. 1 train with 40 plus boxcars stationary steam up facing north at W-5422. 1 train with 25 plus boxcars, 10 loaded flat cars mvg. west at W-4918. 35 boxcars stationary at W-2524. 1 locomotive with steam up facing W-3223. 1 train with 30 plus cars mvg. west at W-6225. 4 plus MT stationary facing west at W-6236. 2 trains stationary with steam up with about 40 plus boxcars in each, 1 facing north and 1 facing south in Villingen M/Y.2 locomotives with steam up stationary facing north in Villingen M/Y. 2 trains with 50 plus boxcars each mvg. SE into Villingen. 1 train facing north in tunnel stationary at W-4049..Locomotive and a few cars were visible. 1 train with 20 plus boxcars mvg. east at W-3365. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1600. WEATHER: 10/10 2000' Rhine. Vis. 4-5 miles. B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-Offenburg.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2. C. Nil. D.4 hrs 20 mins. E.2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3639,PR/12/14/168,PR/12/28/137.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1520-1700. To photo in Saarbrucken-Zweibrucken-Landau-Kaiserslautern-Saargemund area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. SW at Q-925707. 1 MT mvg. south into Homburg. 1 tank facing south, and 2 MT facing east stationary at Q-6670. 3 or 4 flashes in town at Q-6670, probably artillery. 4 HDT, 1 MT, and 1 M/C mvg. east into town at Q-615610. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at Zweibrucken. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: 27 new bomb bursts..slight damage to several military barracks, recent trackage near bldgs. in vicinity of Q-727737. 5 gun battery unoccupied at Q-717735. Strongly defended area at Q-744709-Q-753713..this area part of Seigfried line. 3 gun batteries (MG/AA) occupied at Q-739708, Q-744709, Q-741709. 3 gun battery occupied at Q-747722, and 1 at Q-743718. M/Y at Q-905735: 200 RR cars in M/Y..2-3% of cars damaged. 5 tracks out..main north line open. Slight damage to M/Y.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3639, PR/12/14/168, PR/12/28/137 (Cont'd.)

A. (Cont'd.) PHOTOS:(Cont'd.) 2 % of facilities hit and unserviceable at present. 41 cars have changed position--5-10% loading activity. Activity in yard light. 6 main lines which had been cut are now repaired.. 5 in yard are still out. Lines 90% repaired and serviceable. Undamaged military barracks at Q-889737. 22 RR cars in stationatQ-887735, unloading. 3 gun battery (L) unoccupied at Q-889741. Gun batteries unoccupied at Q-880727 and Q-749727. Probable bomb damage to main lines at R-036675, also at R-031673. 2 locomotives with no steam up at same coordinate. 8 cars on siding at same place. Tracks probably damaged at R-072668. RR crossing intact at R-073667. Tunnel entrance intact at R-203894. Highway damaged at R-197670. Tracks possibly damaged at R-196674-R-195675. Highway road block at R-193677. Road to south of tunnel entrance at R-182915 is damaged. Tracks probably damaged slightly at R-179919. 14 carstrain with 2 armored cars undamaged at R-169934. Dump, with 3 bldgs slightly damaged at R-071937. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1540-1640. WEATHER: 10/10 9000' and thin overcast over area.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saargemund.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii) 40 rds. (iii) Nil
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3640, TR/13/15/13.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1540-1655. To recce Pirmasens-Landau area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 rail cuts on tracks at R-0167. 2 train with 30 boxcars each, each on opposite side of tracks at R-0167, each train demolished by bomb hits. 1 rail cut at R-0767, 1 at R-1168, and 3 at R-1369. Bomb hits on town at R-1767, but no rail cuts. 1 MT mvg. east atR-1269. 2 MT mvg. east at R-0367. 1 MT mvg. north at R-9863, and 1 at R-8862. 1 MT mvg. east at Q-8757. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scamt-inaccurate at Q-8863. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1600-1635. WEATHER: 10/10 7000', vis. 5 miles, light ground haze.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Pirmasens-Landau.(iii)-(vii) Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler VCM

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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Form 54a.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S)

FROM: 34th Photo Rcn. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operations No: 290 for 24 hours ending Sunset
15 January 1945

PHOTOGRAPHIC U.S. - 34/2305 - (21)

a. 1 F-5A, from 1225A to 1329A. To photo Target:
Landau A/F, Neustadt A/F, Mannheim A/F, Worms A/F,
Heidleberg A/F, Brushall A/F, Karlsruhe A/F, Germersheim
A/F, Speyer A/F, Mainz A/F. OBSERVATIONS: Vis
GUARD AREA: Vis ENEMY: Vis
Landau A/F, Brushall A/F, Germersheim A/F, - Block
Coverage: A-0060 - A-4760 - B-2822 - A-0945 - A-0050
RADIO COMMUNICATION: Good. FLAK (AA GUNS): 1430A. to 1435A.
REMARKS: All other Targets not cloude - 10/10ths.
Cloud covered. Mission partially successful.
(James A. Dempsey, Capt.,)

b. (i) F-5A, (ii) 1 attacking target: Landau A/F,
Neustadt A/F, Mannheim A/F, Worms A/F, Heidleberg A/F,
Brushall A/F, Karlsruhe A/F, Germersheim A/F, Speyer A/F,
Mainz A/F. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil
d. 1 hr. 50 minutes
e. Nil.
f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: TAC 26 SQD)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. ARMY

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Operation "A" No: 290 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 January 1945

MISSION U.S.A. - 34/2900 - (AA)

a. 1 F- 5B, from 1335A to 1550A. To photo target: Block Coverage: [illegible]-8758 - [illegible]-3040 - [illegible]-2433 - [illegible]-6343 - [illegible]-8757. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: [illegible]-8757 - [illegible]-3040 - [illegible]-2433 - [illegible]-6343 - [illegible]-8757. Block [illegible]-7404 - [illegible]-6660 - [illegible]-6545 - [illegible]-7436 - [illegible]-7404. Block Coverage: [illegible]-5974 - [illegible]-7474 - [illegible]-7434 - [illegible]-5456 - [illegible]-5974. RADIO CONTACT: Good. FLAK OVER AREA: 1400A to 1450A. WEATHER: O.V.C. in area; Mission successful. (Herbert C. Laird, 1st. Lt.)

b. (i) F-5B (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage - [illegible]-8757 - [illegible]-3040 - [illegible]-2433 - [illegible]-6343 - [illegible]-8757. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil
d. 1 Hr. 55 Minutes
e. Nil
f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S G-2)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

O.Prep "A" No. 250 for 24 Hours during sunset
19 January 1945

MISSION No. --- 24/2201 - (45)

A. 1 F-5A from 1340A to 1540A. To photo target: Block coverage L-6737 - L-3046 - L-4455 - L-0545 - L-6757. OBSERVATION: Fore (40) bursts fairly accurate flak over objective and on inline to Gemersheim at 18,000 ft. AFWX AIR: Nil AFWX FLAK: Fore (40) bursts fairly accurate flak over objective and on inline to Gemersheim at 20,000 ft. PHOTOS: Block coverage L-6660 to L-4760 to L-4221 to L-0545 to L-0660, Block coverage L-7402 to L-0562 to L-0345 to L-7459 to L-7458. RADIO DIRECTION: Good. After Van 1400A: 1415A to 1500A. WEATHER: South east corner of Mapping Area clouded over, heavy haze in area covered. Mission successful. (Wallace C. Spencer, 1st Lt.)

2. (i) F-5A (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage L-6737 - L-3046 - L-4455 - L-0545 - L-6757. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

3. a. Nil
b. 2 Inc.
c. Nil

4. a. Nil
b. Nil
c. Nil

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To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: [illegible])

From: 34th Photo Rcn Sq., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Opns. Rpt No. 290 for 24 hours ending sunset
19 January 1945

Control U.S. ---- 34/3205 - (44)

a. 1 x-2a from 1240A. to 1245A. to show target: Block coverage ¿-7407 to ¿-6667 to ¿-6743 to ¿-7441 to ¿-7467. Cloud: Nil; Vis: Nil 2 mls max; Wil 2 mls min; Nil Haze: Block coverage ¿-7402 to ¿-6662 to ¿-6743 to ¿-7436 to ¿-7402, Block coverage ¿-9371 to ¿-7471 to ¿-7434 to ¿-9436 to ¿-9371, Block coverage ¿-7407 to ¿-6667 to ¿-6743 to ¿-7441 to ¿-7467. Smoke: No smoke; Other. Ack-Ack: 1400A to 1405A. Contrail: Trails valley closed in and slightly haze in area. Mission successful. (Lawrence J. Gu, 2nd Lt.,

b. 1 x-2a (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage ¿-7407 to ¿-6667 to ¿-6743 to ¿-7441 to ¿-7467. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) Nil

c. Nil
d. 2 hrs. - 5 minutes
e. Nil
f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Nil

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Form 54A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 388)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO # 374 - U. S. Army

Oprep "A" No: 420 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 3/3299 - (25)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1345 to 1455A. To photo target: Block Coverage : A-0716 - A-1500 - A-2085 - A-6082 - A-0295 - A-0712. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: A-3899 - A-3740 - A-5496 - A-4576 - A-3893., Block : A-7407 - A-8067 - A-8743 - A-7441 - A-7467. Block Coverage: A-5572 - A-7472 - A-7454 - A-5496 - A-5572 Zweibrucken A/F,. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1455A. WEATHER: 10/10ths clouds North of Hamburg, Mission partially successful. (See (WAI) Merkle, 2nd. Lt.)

B. Main (i) 8-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: A-0716 - A-1500 - A-2085 - A-6082 - A-0295 - A-0712. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 minutes
E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: C.G. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION [illegible])

FROM: 34th Photo Rcn. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operations Report No. 190 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3/10 - (26)

A. 1 F-5A, from 1349A to 1530A. To photo target: Block Coverage: F-0712 to F-1500 to F-2085 to F-0082 to F-0295 to F-0712. Cloud Values: Nil Effect Ack: Nil Effect Flak: Believe (1A) bursts of medium inaccurate flak at 8,000 ft., over Kunchweiler., PHOTOS: Block Coverage: F-0712 to F-1500 to F-2085 to F-0082 to F-0295 to F-0712*, Block Coverage: F-3493 to F-3780 to F-5426 to F-5776 to F-5893. and Neunkirchen F/L, RADIO CONTACT: Good. Time over Area: 1449A to 1515A. Remarks: Overcast in area - 12,000 strato. Mission successful. (William A. Cockerell, Jno. 2c.,

B. (i) F-5A, (ii) 1 attacking target: F-0712 to F-1500 to F-2085 to F-0082 to F-0295 to F-0712. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil - (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Form 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APO 696)

FROM: 34th Photo Sq., APO 3742-A, U. S. Army

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Operations Report No: 290 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 January 1945

Ref. Map: 1:500,000 - 24/1211 - (27)

a. 1 F-5A, frm 1350A to 1445A. To photo target: Block Coverage: A-2247 - A-4040 - A-3005 - A-0813 - A-2847. Block Coverage: A-0808 - A-1547 - A-1843 - A-0806. Observations: Nil Flak: Nil Flak: Nil Fighters: Nil Weather over Area: 1400A - 1410A. Remarks: Target area - covered 10/10ths with strato - cumulus. - no photos taken. - Mission unsuccessful. (Willard C. Davis, F/O)

b. (i) 1 F-5A, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: A-2847 - A-4040 - A-3005 - A-0813 - A-2847. Block Coverage: A-0808 - A-1547 - A-1843 - A-0806.
(iii) Abortive Sortie. (a) Target area covered with 10/10ths clouds - strato cumulus - no photos taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil
(viii) 1

c. Nil
d. 55 minutes
e. Nil
f. Nil
g. Nil
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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APO 696)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ. APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 490 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 January 1945

(Copy U.S. - 24/3312 - (28)

A. 1 F-5A, from 1345A to 1455A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: K-542480 - K-567462 - K-501370 - K-478588 - K-544480. Block Coverage: K-570439 - K-535479 to K-551455 - K-567411 - K-570439. - Block Coverage: K-528595 - K-524510 - K-720494 - K-552560 - K-528595. Block: K-4548 - K-5548 - K-5030 - K-3991. OBSERVATIONS: Nil
Flak Area: Nil Flak Fire: Nil Photos: Nil Results of Mission: Good. Time over Target: 1400A - 1410A. Remarks: 10/10ths clouds in target area - no photos taken. Mission unsuccessful.
(Alan H. Le. Ghard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5A, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: K-542480 - K-567462 - K-501370 - K-478588 - K-544480 Block Coverage: K-570439 - K-535479 - K-551455 - K-567411 - K-570439 - Block Coverage: K-528595 - K-524510 - K-720494 - K-552560 - K-528595. Block K-4548 - K-5548 - K-5030 - K-3991. (iii) Abortive Sorties: (a) 10/10ths cloud coverage in target area - no photographs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 Minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operations Report No: 290 for 24 hours ending sunset
19 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3213 - (29)

A. 1 F-5A from 1350A to 1510A. To photo target: Block coverage: L-0712 - L-1500 - [illegible]-2085 - [illegible]-0682 - L-0895 - L-0712. OTHER WEATHER: Nil OTHER A/C: Nil OTHER FLAK: Four (4) bursts accurate flak at Gersheim - 20,000 ft., - PHOTOS: Block coverage: [illegible]-5572 - [illegible]-7472 - [illegible]-7454 - [illegible]-5456 - [illegible]-5572: Block coverage: [illegible]-7462 - L-0682 - L-0745 - [illegible]-7458 - [illegible]-7462. RADIO DISCIPLINE: Good. TIME OVER A AREA: 1410A to 1450A. REMARKS: 10/10ths clouds in assigned target area; Mission partially successful. (James F. Frakes, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5A, (ii) 1 attacking target: L-0712 - L-1500 - [illegible]-2085 - [illegible]-0682 - L-0895 - L-0712. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 Hr. 40 Minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FOR 34th.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: HQW 20 500)

FROM: 34th Photo Rcn. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oper. Rep. No: 290 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 January 1945

Mission U.S.- 34/3334 - (38)

A. 1 F-5a, from 1355A to 1505A. To photo target: Block Coverage: A-0718 to A-1500 to A-2085 to A-0082 to A-0295 to A-0712. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ANTI AIR: Nil ANTI AIR FIRE: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: A-0718 to A-1500 to A-2085 to A-0082 to A-0295 to A-0713 - : Block Coverage: A-5574 - A-7472 to A-7454 - A-5456 to A-5572. - Block Coverage: A-5895 - A-5730 - A-5256 - A-2570 - A-5893. RADIO COMMUNI: Good. WEATHER OVER AREA: 1/10th. to 1/3th. REMARKS: Broken stratus at 12,000 ft., contrails at 21,500 ft., Mission successful. (Lawton C. Coulothlin, Jnc. 2c.)

B. (i) F-5, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: A-0718 to A-1500 to A-2085 to A-0082 to A-0295 to A-0712. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 minutes
E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force, (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/15/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 518 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 15 January 1945.

A. Five Beaufighters airborne on Intruder-Patrol in Strasbourg - Wassenbourg - area. First Intruder-Patrol up at 17:30 hrs. Down at 19:45 hrs. Destroyed one and damaged one M/T headed North at R-2351. Damaged two M/T headed South at R-1854. Second Intruder-Patrol from 19:45 to 20:45. Upon reaching point Y was told to return to base by GCI because of heavy friendly traffic in the area. Third Intruder-Patrol from 21:40 to 23:05. Nothing to report. Fourth Intruder-Patrol from 00:20 to 00:40. Returned to base because AI was unserviceable. Fifth Intruder-Patrol from 05:20 to 06:40. Weather closed in shortly after aircraft was airborne making it impossible to sight anything on the ground. Was vectored to Luneville A/D by GCI because base was closed in.

B. (i) Five Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Five

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 6:20

E. (i) 5000 x 20MM
24000 x .303
(ii) 175 x 20MM
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 1 M/T Destroyed
3 M/T Damaged.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
18 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 252.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 252 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 14, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0831 hours, 16 January 1945, Lt. Hamilton leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a M/Y at Homburg. Bombs were dropped through an opening in the overcast. 5 direct hits were observed which destroyed 3 box cars and caused considerable damage to the M/Y. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered over Homburg. Time down at A-96, 1025 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0835 hours 16 January 1945, Capt. Herrick leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a road bridge at L-9754. All bombs missed the target. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a town at Q-788970, probably Nunchweiler. 5 buildings were destroyed. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1034 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0859 hours, 16 January 1945, Capt. Keiff leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a RR bridge and M/Y at L-508613. Bombing results were very good. Several fires were started in the M/Y and moderate damage caused to the bridge. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1052 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1132 hours, 16 January 1945, Major Personett leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 P47D aborted. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 lb. bombs on a group of warehouses at Q-929713. 5 direct hits were scored destroying 2 warehouses. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Pirmasens and Q-702865. Time down at A-96, 1302 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1157 hours, 16 January 1945, Lt. Carrieres leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on an ammunition dump at R-042597. 2 hits were scored and a road block, also 2 railcuts were scored nearby, 2 hits were scored on ammunition dump but no explosions resulted. 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bomb was dropped in the center of the town of Dahn and started a fire. 1 large truck and 1 armored car were destroyed by strafing at R-009778. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1340 hours.

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Oprep A No. 252.
16 Jan. 1945.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1204 hours, 16 January 1945, Major Riggin leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 23 x 500 lb. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P., 4 x 265 lb. frag. bombs on a town at R-2334. 4 fires broke out in the town, 15 buildings, half of town, were destroyed. 1 M/Y was strafed and destroyed at R-250320. 2 x 100 lb. W.P. and 1 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned in a lake at Q-4117. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-2334. Time down at A-96, 1353 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1525 hours, 16 January 1945, Lt. Roberts leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on the town of Schleithal. The leaders of the 4 flights strafed while diving. 100 buildings were destroyed. While strafing in their dive violent explosions werr observed arising from the buildings before the bombs hit the ground. The explosions were of a violent incendiary nature. The entire village was completely in flames. An excellent show. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered at R-2444. Time down at A-96, 1658 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1456 hours, 16 January 1945, Capt. Reese leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb., 8 x 265 lb. frag., 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on tank sheds and a repair depot at R-220435. Many hits were scored. 6 buildings were destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered over target. Time down at A-96, 1647 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1427 hours, 16 January 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. Intense, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Q-760531. Time down at A-96, 1603 hours.

ESCORT

B. 1. 16 x P47D's.
2. 16 completed mission.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 16 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 24:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 30,400 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.
F, G, H, I, None.

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B. 1. 121 x P47D's.
2. 118 completed mission.
3. 3
2-C-Oil leak.
1-C-Radio out.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT II - Picked up .50 cal. shell.
8. 118 sorties.

C. 1. 47 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 47 jettisoned.

D. 1. 222:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 229,900 x .50 cal.
2. 27,400.
3. None.

F. 1. 186 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
49 x 100 lb. W.P.
12 x 260 lb. frag.
2. 185.
47.
12.
3. 1 x 500 lb.
2 x 100 lb. W.P.
4. None.

G, H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.
3 box cars destroyed, 1 M/Y damaged at Homburg.
5 buildings destroyed at Q-788970.
1 RR bridge damaged at L-568613.
2 warehouses destroyed at Q-929713.
2 railcuts, 1 roadblock, 1 amm. dump damaged at R-042597.
1 large truck, 1 armored car destroyed at R-009778.
15 large buildings destroyed at R-2334.
1 M/T destroyed at R-250320.
100 buildings destroyed at Scheithal.
6 buildings destroyed at R-200435.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
16 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 16 January 1945.

TO : Commanding ~~General~~, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2580

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron up at 0800 down at 1015 on dive bombing mission of town of Offendorf at R-129125. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 500' with 12 hits among buildings in NE edge of town destroying 4 buildings. 2 hits N. of target destroyed 1 building, 2 hits E. edge of town. Strafed 2 MT at Q-5576, 1 destroyed, 1 damaged. Intense accurate LAA at R-170120. Weather 10/10ths at 2000' all the way. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 750 lb Napalm.

Mission 2581

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 0810 down at 0940 on dive bombing mission of M/Y at M-083350. T.O.T. 0855, bomb run to 2000', all hits in area destroying 20 boxcars, 6 buildings and making 2 RR cuts. Intense LAA in target area. Weather 10/10ths at 4000' to Kaiserlauten. 1 A/C did not get off due to mechanical trouble. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2582

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 0815 down at 0950 on dive bombing mission at M-0868. All targets closed in so bombed from level flight at M-0868. Results unobserved. T.O.T. 0905. Weather 10/10ths at 4000' N. of BSL. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 GP.

Mission 2583

10 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron up at 1105 down at 1325 on dive bombing mission of Offendorf at R-129126. T.O.T. 1145, bomb run to 3000' with all bombs in area. Results unobserved. Strafed woods at R-095076. Intense LAA at target. Weather, ground haze to 7000'. 1 A/C destroyed by fire upon landing. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 GP.

Mission 2584

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 1050 down at 1235 on dive bombing mission of M/T at Landau. T.O.T. 1115, bomb run to 2000' with 2 near misses on road at R-285004, rest in target. Results unobserved. Strafed 2 MT at R-875906 & Q-78872, both damaged. 1 A/C damaged, Cat #1 by flak. Scant LAA at Q-7383 & at Bitche. Weather 10/10ths at 3000' at Saarbrucken, CAVU to bomb line. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2585

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 1055 down at 1250 on dive bombing mission of M/Y at R-165675. T.O.T. 1205, bomb run to 2500' with all hits in area, destroying 8 buildings, 2 boxcars & making 3 RR cuts. Moderate LAA at target. Weather 9/10ths at 4000' to Rhine, target area CAVU. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2586

9 P47s of 314th Fighter Squadron up at 1400 down at 1515 on dive bombing mission of RR bridge at R-105676. T.O.T. 1430, bomb run to 1500' with 8 hits on rails, 4 hits on road W. of bridge, 4 misses, causing 4 RR cuts & 1 road block. 2 bombs hung up and were dropped at R-005674, results unobserved. Scant HAA at Pirmasens. Weather CAVU with slight haze. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2587

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron up at 1415 down at 1615 on dive bombing mission of town at R-240363. T.O.T. 1455, bomb run to 2000' with all bombs in town, destroying 5 buildings, reformed and strafed. Moderate LAA at target, scant HAA at R-380850. Weather, haze to 5000' all the way. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2588

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron up at 1400 down at 1540 on Bomber escort of B-26s. Contacted bombers E. of Rastatt. No incidents. Weather CAVU.

Mission 2589

21 P-47s of 314th & 316th Fighter Squadrons on Fighter Sweep, Wissenbourg, Speyer, Stuttgart, Strasbourg area, up at 1600 down at 1730. No incidents. Weather CAVU. Scant HAA at R-3585.

BOMBER ESCORT MISSION

Note 4 B	(i)	11
	(ii)	11
	(viii)	11
Note 5 D	(i)	15:40
Note 6 E	(i)	22,000

FIGHTER SWEEP MISSION

Note 4 B	(i)	21
	(ii)	21
	(viii)	21
Note 5 D	(i)	31:30
Note 6 E	(i)	42,000

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSION 16 JANUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	82	
	(ii)	81	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vi)	1	
	(vii)	1	
	(viii)	81	
C	(i)	4 x 75 gal	
	(ii)	2 x 75 gal	
Note 5D	(i)	144:40	
Note 6 E	(i)	164,000	
	(ii)	33,200	
	(iii)	2,000	
Note 7 F	(i)	6 x 750 lb Napalm	
		158 x 500 lb GP	
	(ii)	6 x 750 lb Napalm	
		156 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP EG/5
APO 374 U.S. Army

19 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 184 for the period ending Sunset 16 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15,16,17,18,19,20,24 and 25. Armed recce and Dive-bombing missions.

A. (A.O.15) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0810 hours on dive bombing and armed recce. Each A/C carried two 1000# GP bombs. Course flown was base to Neustadt to Bad Kreuznach to base. Time over target, 0845-0935 hours. All bombs dropped on Langenlonsheim M/Y and town, M-1244. M/Y damaged, and loco and five cars in M/Y destroyed. 4 bldgs in town destroyed. Observations at other points along route included: 1 train, consisting of 1 loco and 15 cars, headed SW at Mainz, M-3858--train was parked on bridge, and bridge looked usable; and bridge looked usable; 10 coal cars, with no engine, at M-1444; no snow at M-1444. Flak: scant heavy and intense light at Bad Kreuznach; moderate light at Langenlonsheim. 2 planes damaged by flak, cat 1. No E/A encountered. Weather: 10/10ths, 25 miles from base to Bad Kreuznach, from the deck to 3,000 feet; visibility unlimited above, 1/2 mile below; overcast breaking up on return. Down at base, 1020 hours.
(A.O.16) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0820 hours on dive bombing and armed recce of Area #3. Each A/C carried two 1000# GP bombs. Course flown was base to Kaiserslautern to Bade Kreuznach to Kaiserslautern to base (due to weather, recce area not covered). In target area, 0920-0935 hours. 16 bombs dropped on 40 freight cars at M-1642; 1 hit cut the railroad, and 3 hits among cars destroyed 8 cars. 8 bombs

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on 3 trains of 20 cars each at Gensingen, M-1444; M/Y damaged by direct hits and 4 cars destroyed; 4 bldgs were destroyed by misses. No movements observed on railroads in target area; complete overcast prevented observation elsewhere. Approximately 10 tractor type vehicles observed in vicinity of M-1347. Flak: moderate, inaccurate heavy and light at Bad Kreuznach; moderate, inaccurate heavy at Bingen; and scant, inaccurate heavy and light at Gensingen. 1 A/C damaged by flak, category 1. No E/A encountered. Weather: No clouds, but hazy, in Bad Kreusnach area; elsewhere, complete overcast. Down at base. 1016 hours.

(A.O. 17) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1121 hours to dive bomb Q-916720 and conduct armed recce. of area #3. Each A/C carried two 1000# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Bitche to Pirmasens to target to base. In target area, 1210-1255 hours. All bombs dropped on tunnels at R-197902 and R-202896. Latter tunnel believed sealed at both ends. Railroad cut at R-208890, R-201898, R-197901, and R-209889. Road cut at R-208893. 4 bldgs destroyed by direct hits at R-2090, ; bldg damaged at R-195904. 5 M/Ts destroyed by strafing at R-190540, M/Ts moving east. No flak, no E/A encountered. No other observations made. Weather: over target, CAVU. Down at base, 1338 hours.

(A.O. 18) 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1405 hours on armed recce and dive bombing. Each a/c carried two 1000# GP bombs. Course flown was Base to R-2089 to Landau to Lauterburg to base. In target area, 1445-1515 hours. All bombs were dropped on southern approach of railroad tunnel at R-208891; 4 bombs, on or in tunnel mouth, caused right side of tunnel to cave in, and 6 other bombs on or near tunnel entrance; 3 bombs on right side of tunnel and 1 on the left side, piling debris in front of tunnel; 2 rail cuts 30 yards in front of tunnel mouth. Observations on damage done to tunnel confirmed by "Exhaust". Other observations; No railroad activity within 15 miles NE and SW of Landau; apparently a dogfight over Speyer, 1520 hours. Flak: moderate light at R-2486; scant heavy at Bitche. No damage suffered, no E/A encountered. Weather: CAVU, haze to 3,000 ft. Down at base, 1600 hours.

(A.O. 19) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1436 hours on armed recce and to cut rail lines. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs, Route flown was base to tunnel at R-2090 to base. Time over target, 1515-1530 hours. All bombs were dropped on north end of tunnel at R-2090, and tunnel effectively closed. Approximately 14 bombs hit in or near the tunnel mouth. Tracks cut in 2 places. Flak: weak heavy at Zweibrucken; weak heavy at Pirmasens; and intense heavy at Neustadt, No A/C damaged. 2 Me-109s observed heading NE at Q-8070, no contact made; E/A were at 500 feet at 1540 hours. Weather: CAVU, restricted by slight haze to 5,000 ft; visibility in haze, 10 miles. Down at base, 1610 hours.

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(A.O. 20) 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1630 hours on armed recce. Each A/C carried two 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Neustadt to base. In target area, 1650 - 1725 hours. All bombs were dropped on "V" in Neustadt M/Y. 4 hits on NE part of "V" casued a large explosion in bldg area; 2 bldgs were destroyed, 1 damaged. 4 bombs hit amid railroad cars in M/Y, but darkness and flak prevented observation of damage to cars. 8 hits were scored on center of "V" and bldgs on east side, resulting in 3 bldgs damaged and rails cut. 6 bombs on the southern portion of the "V", 2 of which hit bldgs and caused a flash explosion; 1 bldg destroyed, tracks cut by direct hits. 1 M/Y claimed damaged. No E/A encountered. Flak: intense light and moderate heavy at Neustadt; scant light and heavy at Biche. No activity observed in M/Y at Neustadt. No damages suffered. Down at base, 1800 hours.

(A.O. 24) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0835 hours on dive bombing and armed recce of Area #4. Each A/C carried 2 x 500 # GP bombs and 1 frag. Course flown was base to Offendorf to Lichtenau to R-2015 to base. In target area, 0900 - 1000 hours. Contacted "Elite", and was directed to bomb target and proceed to R-1810 to strafe M/T traffic. All bombs (GPs and frags) were dropped on Offendorf (R-1313); at time of departure, 3 large fires and 6 smaller ones were burning. Resulting damage was obscured by smoke and flak. Squadron flew to R-1815 and strafed 2 M/T headed east; both were destroyed; they blew up like gasoline trucks. Foxholes at same point were strafed, with no results observed. At R-1810 2 other M/T, headed north, were strafed and destroyed. Flak: intense light and heavy at R-1313; intense light at R-2016; and moderate heavy at R-2016. 1 A/C damaged, cat 2; ran into tops of trees on strafing pass. No E/A encountered. Other observations; all trucks had white tarpaulins for camouflag; 4 flak positions not camouglaged at R-1816. Weather: slight haze to 9,000 ft; visibility 8 miles, CAVU above 9,000 ft. Down at base, 1025 hours.

(A.O. 25) 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1110 hours to bomb gun positions at Q-654593, and to conduct armed recce. Each a/c carried 3 - 500# GP bombs. Course flown was base to Q-654593 to Pirmasens to Annweiler to Wissenbourg to Bouxweiler to base. Time over target, 1140-1230. 32 bombs were dropped in target area, but with no direct hits; 20 of the bombs were within 25 feet of the guns. Gun positions were strafed twice, killing 15 personnel. 1 small fire started. Guns believed damaged. 1 bomb hung up and fell in vicinity of Q-6657; no explosion was observed. There was no railroad activity on road covered. Flak was moderate light at target and meager heavy at Q-6666. 3 planes were damaged by flak: 2 were category 1, and the other was category 2. No E/A encountered. Weather: CAVU at target; east of Annweiler, 8/10th thin layer, with tops at 4000 feet; south of Hagenau, 10/10ths, base at 3000, tops at 4000. Down at base, 1335 hours.

B. (i) 93 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on Langenlonsheim M/Y and town, M-1244.
12 A/C dropped bombs on tunnels at R-197902 and R-202896.

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8 A/C dropped bombs on 40 freight cars at M-1642.
4 A/C dropped bombs on 3 trains of 20 cars each at Gensingen, M-1444.
11 A/C dropped bombs on southern approach of RR tunnel, R-208891.
12 A/C dropped bombs on north end of tunnel at R-2090.
11 A/C dropped bombs on "V" in Neustadt M/Y.
12 A/C dropped bombs on Offendorf R-1313.
11 A/C dropped bombs in target area, gun position at Q-654593.
12 A/C Strafed M/Ts at R-190540. M/Ts moving east.
12 A/C strafed the following:-
R-1815, two M/Ts headed east. Foxholes at same point.
R-1810, two other M/T, headed north,
11 A/C strafed the following:-
Gun positions strafed twice, and personnel.
93 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 7 P-47s damaged; 5 a/c damaged by flak, category 1; 1 a/c damaged by flak category 2; and 1 a/c dmaged category 2, ran into tops of trees on strafing pass.
(viii) 93

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 191:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 223,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 23,370 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 118 - 1000# GP bombs, fused-nose,AN-M103; tail-AN-M114.
79 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail AN-M114
12 - 260# Frag bombs, fused-tail AN-M100.
(ii) 118 - 1000# GPs, 79 - 500# GPs and 12 - 260# Frags expended as follows:-
24 - 1000# GPs on Langenlonsheim M/Y and town,M-1244.
16 - 1000# GPs on 40 freight cars at M-1642.
8 - 1000# GPs on 3 trains of 20 cars each at Gensingen,M-1444.
24 - 1000# GPs on tunnels at R-197902 and R-202896.
22 - 1000# GPs on southern approach of RR tunnel at R-208891.
24 - 1000# GPs on north end of tunnel at R-2090.
22 - 500# GPs on "V" in Neustadt M/Y.
24 - 500# GPs and 12 Frags on Offendorf (R-1313).
33 - 500# GPs on target area,gun positions at Q-654593.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 9

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroads cars,
a) Destroyed, 17

6. Gun emplacements, (rocket guns),
c) Damaged, 6

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 15
c) Damaged, 5

11. Railroads cut, 8

14. M/Y attacked, c) Damaged 3.

17. Other clims, 15 personnel destroyed.
3 Tunnels destroyed.

Other results were obscured by smoke and flak, and darkness prevented observation of damage to cars.

4.(2). Operation No. A.O. 21 and 28. Dive bombing Missions.

A. (A.O. 21) 10 P-47s of 367th Squadron, each a/c carrying 2 x 500# GP bombs dispatched at 1648 on Dive Bombing of Neustadt M/Y. Route flown: Base to Bitche to Neustadt and returned. 20 x 500# GPs on target, RR junction on East edge of Neustadt. Excellent concentration of bombs in triangular junction of RR lines. RR's cut in numerous places. 1 large explosion followed bombing believed to have been fuel storage point near tracks. Time over target 1725-1735. E/A nil. Flak: Moderate, accurate, heavy at Neustadt. Intense, accurate, light at Neustadt. Neustadt well defended by flak positions circling the city. Weather: CAVU . Time down 1810.
(A.O. 28) 7 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1528 hours to dive bomb rocket emplacement at [redacted]-654593. Each A/C carried two 500# GP bombs and one 260# Frag. Route flown was base to target to Saarbrucken to Saarbourg to base. Over target, 1600 hours. All the bombs were dropped in the target area. 8 GPs and 4 frags were well placed on the target point, while 2 GPs and 1 frag were short, landed in the woods west of the target, 6 gun emplacements damaged, damage undetermined. Flak: moderate heavy and light at target. No E/A encountered. No A/C damaged. Weather: CAVU. Down at base, 1723 hours.

B. (i) 17 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on target, RR junction on E edge of Neustadt.
7 A/C dropped bombs in target area, rocket emplacement at [redacted]-654593.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 17

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 22:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 40,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 5,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 34 - 500# GPs, fused-nose AN-M103; tail AN-M101.
7 - 260# Frags, fused tail-AN-M100A1.
(ii) 34 - 500# GPs and 7 - 260# Frags expended as follows:-
20 GPs on target, RR junction east edge of Neustadt.
14 GPs and 7 Frags in target area, rocket emplacement at Q-654593.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements, (rocket gun emplacements),
c) Damaged, 6

14. M/Y attacked, c) Damaged, 1

4. (3). Operation No.: A.O. 26. Close support and armed recce mission.

A. (A.O.26) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1140 hours on close support and armed recce. Each A/C carried two 500# GP bombs, and 10 of the A/C also carried one 260# frag each. Route flown was base to Bouxwiller to Zweibrucken to Landau to Leidosheim to Edenkoben to Wissembourg to base. Squadron contacted "Elite" and was told to go to primary target. In target area (supply dump at Q-745724), 1200 - 1300 hours. All bombs were placed in target area. Two 500# bombs and 1 frag, dropped in woods behind north bldgs, started one large fire with black smoke, which may have been a gasoline dump. The remainder of the bombs fell among the bldgs, resulting in destruction of 8 bldgs. Observations along route; 75 boxcars in M/Y at Q-9075, with snow on tops of cars; lo large stacks of railroads ties along tracks at Q-8171-looks like supply

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depot from air. Flak: Intense heavy at Zweibrucken, moderate heavy at Pirmasens, and weak light at G-7472. One A/c damaged by flak, category 1. No E/A encountered. Weather: from base to Landau area, CAVU, restricted by haze in patches; from Landau NE, 7/10ths, very thin, at 2,000 feet. Down at base, 1331 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs in target area, supply dump at G-745724.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1.
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 27:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 3,420 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs, fused- tail, AN114.
10 - 260# Frags, fused- tail-AN-M100A2.
(ii) 24 GPs and 10 Frags expended as follows:- All bombs were placed in target area; supply dump at G-745724.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 8
c) Damaged, 4

4. (4). Operation No.: A.O. 27. Bomber escort mission.

A. (A.O.27) 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron, carrying a total of 8 500# GP bombs and 4- 260# frags, dispatched at 1415 hours on bomber escort. Route flown was base to Speyer to Neustadt to Landau to Speyer to base. Squadron flew to Speyer and remained in area five minutes, but bombers did not appear. Squadron started reconnaissance and was bounced by 20 plus slate-blue Me-109s in vicinity of Speyer at 1500 hours. Our planes were at 13,000 feet when E/A bounced from 18,000 feet, north to south. All planes jettisoned bombs (vicinity Speyer) to pursue the enemy, who attempted evasion by climbing and heading east. E/A were not aggressive and avoided combat. One Me-109 was destroyed, shared by Lts Snell and Usiatynski; pilot bailed out. One Me109 was probably destroyed by Lt Petrosky, who also

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damaged one other Me-109. One P-47 was damaged by enemy aircraft, category 1. Information on enemy aircraft was called to baggage as squadron left area. Flak: moderate, accurate heavy at Neustadt; moderate, inaccurate at Speyer and Germersheim. Weather: CAVU. Down at base, 1556 hours.

B. (i) 11 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 11 A/C bounced by 20 plus Me-109s; claims 1-1-1.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by enemy aircraft, category 1.
(viii) 11

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 20:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 26,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 12,426 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 8 - 500# GPs, fused - nose, M103, tail 114.
4 - 260# Frags, fused tail M100.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 8 - 500# GPs and 4 - 260# Frags jettisoned, to pursue the enemy aircraft.
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. (i) 1 E/A (Me-109) destroyed in air, by:-
Shared by Lts Snell, O-701189 and Usiatynski, O-704770, both of the 367th Squadron.

(ii) 1 E/A (Me-109) Probably destroyed in air, by:- Lt Petrosky, O-816931, of the 367th Squadron.

(iii) 1 E/A (Me-109) Damaged, in the air, by:- Lt Petrosky, O-816931, of the 367th Squadron.

I. Nil

4. (5). Operation No.A.O. 81. Fighter Sweep Mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1646 hours on Fighter Sweep. Route flown was base to Saarbourg to Karlsruhe to Pforzheim to Wildberg to R-7504 to base. Over enemy territory, 1700-1800 hours. No flak, No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: from base to Rhine, low, scattered cloud, slight haze; from Rhine valley east, very heavy haze, 3/10ths cloud, visibility 2 miles; above 8,000 feet, CAVU. Down at base, 1820 hours.

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B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C completed mission, Fighter Sweep.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 23:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Croup Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

17 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st ~~Fighter~~ Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref: SECRET
Oprep A No. 109 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Kennedy, took off at 0930 on a close support mission with "Atkin" or to hit alternate target: Ammo dump at Q-779695; and then perform recce. 24 x 500 and 8 x 100 W.P. dropped on M/Y at Zweibrucken. 16 x 500 and 8 x 100 WP hit in M/Y, remaineder hit on perimeter, NRO because of weather. Weak inaccurate light and heavy flak encountered over target. Weather over target, 9-10/10 3-4,000', ceiling unlimited above overcast and vis good. T.O.T. 1010, T.D. 1115.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 24:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 32,260 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 496 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 8x100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24x500 " " " " " 8x100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

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Oprep A ~~No. 110~~ for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 0930 on a close support mission with "Atkin" and perform recce in Area III. Sq. contacted "Atkin" who had no target. 16 x 500 and 6 x 100 dropped on S end of M/Y in Landau on approx. 25 boxcars. Flak prevented accurate observation of results. 4 x 500 dropped on M/Y at R-5879 which appeared approx. full of engines and cars. 1 loco dam. 1 direct hit dam. warhouse at S edge. 4 x 500 dropped on 1 loco and 50 boxcars headed W at R-3365. 4 boxcars dest, 8 dam, 1 railcut. Strafed and dest. 1 loco going S at R-3160. Train of 1 loco and 18 boxcars headed N strafed at R-3061, 1 loco dest. 1 x 100 hit train of 1 loco and 25 boxcars headed NW out of Steinweiller at R-2958. 1 loco dest. and 3 boxcars damaged. Moderate accurate heavy and light flak encountered at R-284 657 and R-2959. 10/10 at Saare Union to Kaiserlautern at 8,000', vis. good. T.O.T. 1045, T.D. 1130.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "AC" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 25:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,240 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail. 7x100 WP M126A1 ND.
(ii) 24x500 " " " " " 7x100 " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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(C) 1 (C) 19 11. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 111 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Daniels, took off at 1250 on a close support show or to hit troop concentration at R-128072. "Atkin" assigned no target. 24 x 500 and 7 x 100 dropped on troop concentration at R-128072, NRO due to woods. 1 x 100 dropped in woods at R-103068, hung and fell off there. After bombing "Kosher" asked Sq. to Strafe woods at R-103068 and Sq. comeplied with NRO. The following day a call came down that "Elite" says 'Very good show' - "Army tickled with attack on troops". Intense inaccurate heavy flak at R-175165 and intense accurate light at R-105065. Weather gave haze from 800' down, clear above haze. T.O.T. 1320, T.D. 1410.

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Oprep A No. 111 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945, (Cont'd).

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 18:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 32,260 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 7,377 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 7 x 260 frags Instant. 5 x 100 W.P. Instant. 24 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 7 x 260, 5 x 100, and 24 x 500 (Same fuses).
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 112 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Wheeler, took off at 1315 on a close support show with "Elite" and perform recce in area III. Sq. contacted "Elite" was sent to "Elite Fox 1" who assigned the town of Trimbach R-209379, tanks and armored vehicles in SE section of town. 23 x 500 and 7 x 100 hit in town with 10 hits in SE part. 7 buildings dest, 3 fires tarted. Smoke prevented other observations. 1 x 500 and 1 x 100 jet. in lake at Q-265185. Flak encountered at R-225340, R-205320, R-230370. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1400-1405, T.D. 1440. WP

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 13:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,240 " " "
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 24x500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail; 8x100 WP M126A1 ND.
(ii) 23x500 " " " " " 7x100 " " "
(iii) 1x500 " " " " " 1x100 " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 113 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Rieschl, took off at 1509 on a close support with "Elite". "Elite" assigned enemy troops in Dalhunden R-186195 marked with red smoke, as target. 9 x 500 and 4 x 100 dropped on town. 2 large fires started and town damaged. 15 x 500 and 7 x 100 jet. at R-0935 safe when 2 Me-262's made a pass thru Sq. 2 of our A/C gave chase and e/a who were each carrying 1 bomb under fuselage. E/A dropped bombs and disappeared into the north. We were at 14,000' and e/a dove through to 10,000'. No flak encountered. Haze to 800' clear above. T.O.T. 1540, T.D. 1645.

B. (i) 16 P-47's (12 D/B, 4 Cover).
(ii) 9 " (5 " " ").
(iii) (a), (b), and (c) NIL; (d) 7 - Other A/C jet bombs in preparation for fight with e/a.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 16

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 33:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,250 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 6,856 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 11 x 100 WP Instant.
(ii) 9 x 500 " " " " " 4 x 100 " "
(iii) 15 x 500 " " " " " 7 x 100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. (i) to (iii) NIL
(iv) 2 Me-262's

I. Nil.

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Oprep A No. 114 for 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1530 on a close support mission with "Elite" at Bischwiller, and perform recce in area III. Sq. contacted "Elite" who told Sq. to contact "Elite How", who assigned woods at R-110118 marked with red smoke. 12 x 500 and 8 x 100 dropped. All bombs in target area, NRO. Intense accurate light flak encountered at R-110118. Ceiling unlimited, vis. 4 miles. T.O.T. 1600-1620, T.D. 1700.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " " .

D. (i) 18:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 423 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail. 8 x 100 WP M126A1 ND.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " 8 x 100 " " "
(iii) and (iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 16 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 551

1. No. Off 13 - B26 Time Up 1355 Time Down 9-1650 Total Hours 38:20

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - GLIDE *b.* Escorted by: 64th FIGHTER WG. COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: CLEAR - - VISIBILITY 5 MILES IN HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).
1 - B26	ENG(LEFT ENGINE CUTTING OUT).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
11 - B26	* LEAD SHIP UNABLE TO IDENTIFY TARGET.

5. Target: (1) CAMPE DE BITCHE BARRACKS AREA (W/Q-804504), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1) NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run-Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Lead ship unable to identify target. All bombs returned to base.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	104	NO BOMBS DROPPED				16	16(ENG). 72(UNABLE TO IDENTIFY TARGET).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	68,425	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	VERY	INTENSE	BITCHE AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
B26045-42-107725, shot down over target.	FLAK	2P; 2Bomb(OFF); 1 RG; 1EG; 1AG; all listed as MIA.
B26045-43-34251, crashed over friendly territory.	FLAK	NO CASUALTIES - ALL CREW MEMBERS SAFE.
5 A/C returned damaged Cat. I.	FLAK	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 37-95 MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. (432 unable to take-off - accident on runway)

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 16 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 552

1. No. Off 12 - B26 Time Up 1355 Time Down 10-1650 Total Hours 23:35
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - GLIDE *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FIGHTER WG. COVERED AREA.
3. Weather: CLEAR - - VISIBILITY 5 MILES IN HAZE.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	SICK COMBAT MEMBER.	10 - B26	LEAD SHIP UNABLE TO IDENTIFY TARGET.

5. Target: (1) CAMPE DE BITCHE BARRACKS AREA (W/Q-813505), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point / Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED	
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - -	- -	- -	- -	- -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Lead ship unable to identify target. All bombs returned to base.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
100# GP	.1 X .025	360	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		30	30(SICK COMBAT MEMBER). 300(UNABLE TO IDENTIFY

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	62,450	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP AND BARRAGE	FAIRLY	SCANT TO MODERATE	BITCHE AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
B26016-41-34925, crashed on take-off. A/C transferred to 51st Service Squadron for salvage.	Right break stuck causing A/C to veer sharply to right and run off runway. Pilot immediately pulled up wheels.	NO CASUALTIES - ALL CREW MEMBERS SAFE.
3 A/C returned damaged Cat. I.	FLAK	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 16 Jan 19 45 Mission No. 469

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 12:35 Time Down 15:35 Total Hours 10:00

2. *a.* Type Mission: Predision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: French Spite and P-47's

3. Weather: Clear Visibility 8 - 10 Miles.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) RASTATT, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Marshilling Yards (W) R-351282	Hagenau (W) R-0424	14:58	3 B-26's	10,150
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3 ship formation. Bomb Run - Attack in route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man. Axis of Attack - 80°T. Withdrawal - Broke Left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 Seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 75

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

First phase photo interpretation - The bombs landed in a good cluster across the center of the M/Y.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000#GP	.1, non delay 12	12					None	None

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	9,900	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

W. L. Corbin, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
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FOR ASHLEY B. WOOLRIDGE
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp. Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 16 Jan 19 45 Mission No. 470

1. No. Off 51 B-26's Time Up 12:37 Time Down 15:59 Total Hours 196:20

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: French Spits and P-47's

3. Weather: Clear Visibility 8 - 10 Miles.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
5 B-26's	Engines cutting out	None	

5. Target: (1) RASTATT, GERMANY (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad Bridge (W) R-521801	Hagenau (A) R-0424	14:59	46 B-26's	11,400 to 10,400
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

Enroute - Javelin down of Squadrons 2nd group high. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation, regained route formation on break. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 80°T. Withdrawal - Broke Left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 10

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

First phase photo interpretation - The bombs of one squadron landed on the South end of the bridge possibly hitting it and approaches. Other bombs landed short North and South of the target, one cluster of bombs started in the town, walking to the M/Y causing large explosion with black smoke.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000#GP	11, non delay	~~208~~ 204	184				None	20

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	138,825	500 (test)

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Intense	(W) ~~R-2040~~

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
2 B-26's (Cat I)	Flak	None
2 B-26's (Cat II)	v Flak	None
G5 - 43-34284		
B41 42-43301		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 92 for 24 hours ending sunset,16 Jan.,'45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3641, A/20/6/16/20.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0815-0930. Arty R. reverting to visual in Strassbourg-R-3024 area. OBSERVATIONS: 6 MT mvg. north at R-2419. 3 MT mvg. south at R-3024.---Arty R. target, RR gun at R-28901028,was obscured by clouds. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at R-2015, R-2419. Heavy-moderate-inaccurate at R-2015, R-2419. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0830-0915. WEATHER: Area south of Strassbourg 10/10 1000'. 10/10 in area east of Rhine, at 1000'8-9/10 at 4500' with dense haze. Vis. 3-4 miles.
B.(i)2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-R-3024.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3642, TR/7/16/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0930-1100. To recce and photo in Saargemund-VoeslingenHomburg-Saarbrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 15 plus MT mvg. very slowly NE at Q-4383, appeared to be towing trailers larger than the MT. 1 train stationary with steam up at 1015 hrs.with 35 cars appearing to be boxcars. 25 boxcars at Q-423732. 1 MT mvg. east into Saarbrucken. 35 boxcars in M/Y at Q-5078. 60 plus boxcars in M/Y at St. Ingbert. 1 MT mvg. west from Homburg. 1 MT mvg. NW at Q-5075. East end of Saarbrucken badl damaged in M/Y and surrounding area. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: M/Y and RR at Sulzbach: No damage to target. Facilities intact. Loading medium--15-20% of cars loading. 76 cars have changed position. Activity medium--42% turnover. Through lines intact. Rail facilities 95-100% serviceable..no evidence of bomb damage. Industrial plant operating. M/Y at St. Ingbert: 150 RR cars..mostly boxcars and coal cars. 8 locomotives with no steam up, and 1 locomotive with steam up. 42 cars have changed position. 20-25% turnover. No damage to M/Y. Facilities appear 100% serviceable. Medium loading activity. No lines cut. Stacks of supplies and several cars loading. Large industrial plant operatings Coal cars on siding along side of plant. 1 3 gun battery (L) occupied. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0945-1045. WEATHER: CAVU Saarbrucken area. 9-10/10 5000' Saargemund-St. Ingbert and to E and N.
B.(i)2 F6 C's.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Saarbrucken.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii). 2.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3643, TR/14/16/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0930-1130. To recce Saargemund-Homburg-Mainz-Mannheim-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 40 plus boxcars at Q-5172. 40 plus boxcars in St. Ingbert M/Y. 20 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-5775. 2o plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-6376. 60 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-6679. 100 plus boxcars in Mainz M/Y..snow covered. 100 plus boxcars in Homburg M/Y. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. SW at M-3313. 50 plus boxcars in M/Y at R-3296. Train with 10 plus boxcars crossing bridge at Q-523983. 1 locomotive with steam up in Mannheim M/Y...M/Y half filled. 1 train with 20 plus boxcars mvg. SE into Heidelberg. 1 train with 20 plus boxcars mvg. north at M-5403. 30 plus boxcars in M/Ya at M-557005. 1 train with 15 plus cars mvg. west at R-500986. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA 0945-1115. WEATHER: 10/10 5000' Q-8090-Bingen. 10/10 5000' Rhine valley.
B.(i)2 F6 C'S.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Wissembourg.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). 2.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

PR/12/14/168, OPERATIONS NO. 3644, TR/12/16/12.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1130-1340. To recce and photo in Saarbrucken-Zweibrucken-Landau-Neustadt-Kaiserslautern-Homburg-Saarlutern. OBSERVATIONS: 3 rail cuts observed between Landau and R-0667. 1 train in tunnel facing NW with several boxcars protruding from mouth of tunnel. 2 MT mvg. west at R-2268. 1 large MT mvg. westa at R-2368. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS:Highway cut at R-196900. NW and SE bound tracks

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OPERATIONS NO. 3644, PR/12/14/168, TR/12/16/12 (Cont'd.)

A.(Cont'd.) PHOTOS(Cont'd.): slightly damaged at R-196904..debris not cleared. Debris covering tracks at R-179919. Tracks covered with debris at R-203894. Overpass probably damaged at R-207890, also covered with debris. Tracks covered with debris at R-222880.. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1145-1325. WEATHER: 10/10 at 3000' Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-Neuenkirchen. Remainder of area 8/10 at 3000'.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saarlautern.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 mins.(E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)2.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3645, PR/714/15/189.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1150-1310. To photo in Bitche-Zweibrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 5 large MT and 4 small MT stationary facing south in town of Hornbach at 1230 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at Q-7253. PHOTOS: photos unsucessful due to mechanical failure. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1210-1250. WEATHER: 5 mile vis. with moderate haze.
B.(i) 2F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Bitche-Zweibrucken(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 mins.(E.2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and(iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3646, TR/8/16/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1155-1320. To recce Saargemund-Homburg-Saarvrucken-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north at Q-4167. 1 armored car mvg. north at Q-4866. 1 MT mvg. west at Q-3968. 20 boxcars covered with snow at Q-8051. 20-30 oil tank cars and 100 boxcars in PirmasensM/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Q-4167. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1210-1300. WEATHER: 3/10 from 3-4000'..vis. unlimited.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attackingSaargemund-Pirmasens.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 50 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3647, TR/10/16/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1310-1500. To recce Strassbourg-Colmar-Freiburg-Donaueschingen-Villingen-Offenburg-area. OBSERVATIONS: Large fire in E section of Benfeld. 5 MT scattered mvg. west from Colmar. 1 locomotive pushing long black car east at W-2226. 6 scattered MT mvg. east Loffingen to Donaueschingen. Train with 30 plus boxcars in Donaueschingen M/Y, about 15 cars were being detached and sent into siding. 3 locomotives with steam up in Villingen M/Y. 2 factories operating south of Gengenbach just north of canal. 2 trains with 35 plus boxcarseach mvg. north out of Offenburg. 4 locomotives with steam up Offenburg and M/Y about half filled. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at Kehl. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1445. WEATHER: 10/10 2500'Rhine with heavy haze. Black Forest CAVU.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-Offenburg.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3648, TR/15/16/15.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1325-1420. To recce Saarbrucken-Homburg-Q-8096 area; OBSERVATIONS: 4 MT mvg. north at Q-5374. 60 boxcars at St. Ingbert M/Y. Mission returned to base due to mechanical failufre. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Very bad, radio went out. TIME OVER AREA:1340-1405. WEATHER: Moderate ground haze.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken-Q-8096.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hour 50 mins.(E.2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3649, TR/11/16/11.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1425-1545. To recce Strassbourg-Villingen-Freiburg-Basel-Gerardmer area. OBSERVATIONS: 6 locomotives with steam up in Gerarmer M/Y..correction..OFFENBURG M/Y. 2 MT mvg. SE at W-4647. 1 train with 30 boxcars and 20 flat cars mvg. north into Villingen. 1 MT mvg. west at W-2824. 100 plus boxcars in M/Y at W-3366. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1445- 1530. WEATHER: 10/10 500' Rhine valley.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-Gerardmer.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3650, PR 7A/15/189.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1425-1555. To photo in Saargemund-Zweibrucken-Pirmasens area, also at Bitche. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north at Q-8662. 1 MT mvg. NW at Q-8265. 2 tanks stationary at Q-8148.

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TO: [illegible] Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION AC/S G2)

FROM: 34th Photo Rcn Sq., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Operation "A" No. 292 for 24 hours ending 0 hours
16 January 1945

[illegible] U.S. ---- 24/2/16 - (85)

A. 1 F-5A from 1355A to 1545A. To photo target: Block coverage
[illegible]-8757 to [illegible]-3040 to [illegible]-4033 to [illegible]-8043 to [illegible]-8757, Dump [illegible]-042957, Dump [illegible]-042957, Dump [illegible]-741756. OBSERVATION: Nil WEATHER: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage [illegible]-8757 to [illegible]-3040 to [illegible]-4033 to [illegible]-8043 to [illegible]-8757, Dump [illegible] Used. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1455A. REMARKS: Due- extreme haze in area. Mission partially successful. (Donald B. Shann, 2nd Lt.)

C. (i) F-5A (ii) 1 attaching target: Block coverage [illegible]-8757 to [illegible]-3040 to [illegible]-4033 to [illegible]-8043 to [illegible]-8757, Dump [illegible]-042957, Dump [illegible]-042957, Dump [illegible]-741756. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

D. Nil
E. 1 hr. 50 minutes
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPREP 'A' (Cont'd.)

OPERATIONS NO. 3650, PR 7A/15/189, (Cont'D.)

A. (Cont'd.) 2 ambulances stationary facing west at Q-8544. Observed one B-26 in spin and crash at Q-9160 after having made a bomb run on Pirmasens. No parachutes observed. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate at Q-7365. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Q-7365. Light-moderate-inaccurate at Q-8148. PHOTOS: Sent to 7th Army for interpretation. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AR A: 1440-1540. WEATHER:CAVU.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attackingSaargemund-Bitche.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3651, TR/13/16/13.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1510-1630. To recce and photo in Saarlautern-Kaiserslautern-Annweiler-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 50 plus boxcars in M/Y atLandstuhl. 20 plus boxcars on siding at Q-975910..bomb hit in center of cars and tracks probably cut. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Unsuccessful. Damage to tracks at R093671 slight if any--tracks covered with debris. RR overpads covered with debris..slight if any damage at R-094671. Highway covered with debris..damage slight if any at R-093672. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1530-1615. WEATHER: Hazy, visibility 4-5 miles.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarlautern-Pirmasens.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.(ii) 20 rds.(iii)Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3652, TR9/16/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1520-1645. To recce Saargemund-Saarbrucken-Zweibrucken-Pirmasens-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north at Q-4368. 1 MT mvg. west at Q-6780. 6 ambulances mvg. east at Q-8469. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-7852. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1540-1635. WEATHER: CAVU..hazy.
B.(i)2 F6Cs.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Bitche.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

16 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : ~~S E C R E T~~

OPREP A No. 123 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 16 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 319 (TR/1/16/1)

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0940-1050. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Fires in Herlisheim (R1215) & Otterdorf (R1313). 1 M/T S at 2017. Parked convoy or supply dump under trees between R2118 to Lichterau (R2015) to R2214. 6 small hand propelled boats & pontoons in estuary at R2728. Train 35 cars Stat, facing S, steam up, N edge of Rastatt. Very large hospital in town of Grun (R5440. Train 35 box cars moving N into Durlach. 5 pontoons in middle of river just S of bridge at Selz. Hwy bridge at Selz appears serviceable. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H - Lichterau. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0955-1035. WEATHER: 10/10 S C from Strausbourg S, base deck, top 4000. 10/10 S C N of Karlsruhe, base deck, top 4000. Haze, visibility 8 miles.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 2.20 hours G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 320 (TR/18/16/18)

A. 2 F6-D's from 0930-1130. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y St. Wendell 2/3 full, 120-140 cars. NMS. M/Y S edge of Mennheim 2/3 - 3/4 full, 2 single locos & 2 double locos, steam up. Hwy bridges over Canal at R5499, serviceable. Double barges, R5298. All other observations preventend by weather.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Route #1 (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hours G. Nil
E. 420 0 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 321 (TR/4/16/4)

A. 2 F6C's from 0930-1205. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Fire in town R 1936. Wissembourg M/Y 1/4 full, yard appears serviceable. Train 40 cars moving N at R5958. Called P-47's who destroyed engine and strafed cars. 2 trains 40 cars in 1 mvg S, 1 of 10 cars mvg S R5856. Called P-47's who destroyed 1 engine and strafed cars. 2 trains 20 cars each steam up facing N, 2 locos steam up facing N M/Y 1/2 full at Handau. Called P-47's who bombed M/Y Landau. Observed tracks knocked out, 1 loco damaged. Another flight of 12 P-47's bombed NRO. 1 train 35 cars mvg E at R4273 called P-47's strafed & bombed. Loco dest, unknown number cars damaged. 1 train 10 cars mvg E at R3670. M/Y 2/3 full at R2978 no activity in M/Y. M/Y Speyer 2/3 full. 1 train, 15 cars steam up facing N in M/Y. 1 train 30 cars mvg N at R5892. Called to controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: H-S-I at Germersheim. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Nil. TIME OVER AREA: 0945-1145. WEATHER: 6/10 at 4000'.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 5.10 hours G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 322 (TR/16/16/16 & PR/12/11/160)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1055-1210. To recce in Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: Zweibrucken M/Y 1/5 full, no activity. No observations Homburg-Kaiserslautern, 10/10 at 3500 base. Kaiserslautern M/Y 1/4 full no activity. M/Y at R1395 appears

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unserviceable. Bad Kreuznach M/Y 1/8 full no activity. Bad Durkheim M/Y 1/8 full no activity. M/Y R3107 M/Y 1/3 full. No observations vicinity Landau 10/10 at 4000 base. Wissembourg M/Y, 3 hits on tracks at R169468. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert. Dump, Q836682, 10000, 170°, at 1220. Dump, Q916780 10000, 180°, 1240. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1113-1153. WEATHER: Scattered overcast 10/10 general area.

B. 1 F6B & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking on Route "3". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2.30 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 323 (TR/5/16/5)

A. 2 F6C's from 1115-1215. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Returned from area wit hout observations due to rough engine in other aircraft. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1150-1155. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2.0 0 hours
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii & iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 324 (TR/2/16/2 & PR/7a/14/187)

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1200-1400. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 barge mvg S R3741, pulled by small boat. 4-5 section of pontoon bridges strung along banks of river vicinity of R3741. Two sections of RR bridge at R2828 knocked out. Fires in Gambsheim, Offendorf & Herlisheim. Shells landing in woods at R1011, & in Gambsheim. Nothing observed at Lichtenau. Hwy bridge at Selz unobserved. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L - R110125. PHOTOS: 12 obliques, R115120, 2500, 200°, 1230. 12 obliques, R123137, 1500, 200°, 1230. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1340. WEATHER: 10/10 S of Strassbourg. Heavy haze Vis. 4 miles.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) F6C - 120 rds. (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 325 (TR/6/16/6)

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1255-1500. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Hwy bridge Selz serviceable, dive bombed by P-47's but missed. No observations Wissembourg. Train 30-40 cars, stat, steam up, facing W R575710. At least 8 gun emplacements in woods at R3547. Large RRcut at R2634. M/Y Homburg 2/3 - 3/4 full. ENEMM AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L - Selz, M-A-H - R3547. PHOTOS: Vert. M/Y, Homburg, 7000, 360°, 1400. Vert. M/Y Zweibrucken, 7000, 240° 1410. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1315-1440. WEATHER: Visibility unlimited down sun. 3/10 S of Karlsruhe, top 2000-3000.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.10 hours
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii - iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 326 (TR/19/16/19)

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1320-1525. To recce on Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: 3 rail carts & bridge knocked out at M1710. NMS on route from Saarbrucken-Worms. 2 trains 25 cars each B/W at M5351. Train 20-25 cars N out of Mannheim. M/Y S of Mannheim 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y Karlsruche 2/3 full, 1 loco switching. Dismantled pontoon bridge at M4522. NMS Karlsruhe-Strassburg. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1335-1450. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, Visibility 6 miles.

B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #1. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.10 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii - iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 327 (TR/3/16/3)

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1400-1600. To Recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at W1894 is 1/2 full. 5 flat cars with tanks Mt at W2098. String of 20 box cars at R3218. Rastatt M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. String of 30 boxcars at R3832 not covered with snow. 2 strings of 25 boxcars at R3937 not covered with snow. Pontoon bridge at Selz has center pontoons missing. Great deal of trackage both sides of river vicinity Seltz no activity seen. Pontoon bridge at R2828. 5 pontoon bridges with center pontoons missing from R1410 to R1817. Pontoons stored in streams at R184188, R173135, R153113. 3 staff cars painted white escorted by 2 motorcycles mvg S at R1819. Large fire at R1910 and R1110. 3 men in paddle boat at R169138 mvg W. at 200 yd interval small hutments E side river from R1805 to R1716. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert., Bdg., R2734, 4500, 180°, 1445. Vert., Bdgs, R1818-1412, 4000, 180°, 1500. Vert., RR bdg, R2828, 4000, 180°, 1510. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1545. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, Visibility 5 miles.

B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 328 (TR/17/16/17 & PR/7A/15/188)

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1345-1545. To Recce on Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Zweibrucken badly damaged by bombing. M/Y Homburg badly damaged. 20-30 cars on almost all sidings between Homburg & Kaiserslautern. M/Y W of Kaiserslautern badly damaged. 20 cars made up into train, just W of tunnel at R0893. 1 M/T W at R0894. NMS on RR from entire route. 30 boxcars on siding at M0618. M/Y Bad Kreuznach 1/4 full, NMS. 3 trains made up 12-14 cars each on siding at M1940. Scattered cars M/Y Alzey, NMS. M/Y Bad Durkheim 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y at Neustadt being dive bombed by P-47's, NRO. M/Y Landau 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Wissembourg empty. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H - Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Vert., M/Y Homburg, 7000', 360°, 1425. Vert., M/Y, Kaiserslautern, 7000', 20°, 1505, Q510570-Q530595, 45°, Q530595-Q518625, 340°, Q520610-Q548625, 60°, Q545627-Q545598, 180°, Q547605-Q597568, 135°, Q600570-Q585600, 330°, Q590590-Q623618, 50°, at 6000' between 1400-1415. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400-1525. WEATHER: 3/10 5000 top.

B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #3. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: [redacted])

FROM: 34th Photo Rcn Sqd., APO 374, U.S. Army

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Opns "A" No. 241 for 24 hours ending sunset
10 January 1945

[redacted] U.S. -- 34/2445 - (89)

a. 1 F-5s from 1330h to 1515h. To photo target: block coverage L-4548 to L-5546 to L-5050 to L-3031, block coverage L-542400 to L-907402 to L-901370 to L-470980 to L-542480, block coverage L-970439 to L-059479 to L-051493 to L-967411 to L-970439, block coverage L-021395 to L-092510 to L-720494 to L-052980 to L-026395. Effect: Nil: Black a/c unidentified aircraft ten (10) miles North of Ahrweiler at 10,000 ft. Headed north and changed direction to southwest, one (1) burst heavy, inaccurate flak ten (10) miles west of Ahrweiler at 10,000ft. Flak: Nil: black a/c unidentified aircraft ten (10) miles north of Ahrweiler at 10,000 ft. Headed north and changed direction to southwest. Other Flak: one (1) burst heavy, inaccurate flak ten (10) miles west of Ahrweiler at 10,000 ft. Remarks: block coverage L-4548 to L-5546 to L-5050, block coverage L-542400 to L-907402 to L-901370 to L-470980 to L-542480, block coverage L-970439 to L-059479 to L-051493 to L-967411 to L-970439, block coverage L-021395 to L-092510 to L-720494 to L-052980 to L-026395. Enemy Defenses: Good [illegible] Accm: 1400h to 1530h. Remarks: Slight haze in area. Mission successful. (Phillips, Rome, 1st Lt.)

b. (2, F-5s (11) 1 attacking target: Block coverage L-4548 to L-5546 to L-5050 to L-3031, block coverage L-542400 to L-907402 to L-901370 to L-470980 to L-542480, block coverage L-970439 to L-059479 to L-051493 to L-967411 to L-970439, block coverage L-021395 to L-092510 to L-720494 to L-052980 to L-026395. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

c. Nil
d. 1 hr. 49 minutes
e. Nil
f. Nil
g. Nil
h. Nil

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U. S. A. A. F.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: TWX-25 Sec)

INFO: 24th Photo Rcn Sq., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No. 291 for 24 hours ending sunset
10 January 1945

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a. 1 F-5E from 1545A to 1550A. To photo target. Block coverage K-2647 to K-4040 to K-4005 to K-0013 to K-2647. Obscuration: Will [illegible]. Will [illegible]. Will [illegible]. Block coverage K-2647 to K-4040 to K-4005 to K-0013 to K-2647. Haze & Visibility: Good. Alt & Vis Alts: 14,000A to 15,000A. Remarks: Clear and extreme haze in area. Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st Lt.)

b. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage K-2647 to K-4040 to K-4005 to K-0013 to K-2647. (iii) Will (iv) Will (v) Will (vi) Will (vii) Will (viii) 1

c. Will
d. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
e. Will
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Form 54.

TO: H.Q. Tenth Air Force, (ATTENTION [illegible])

FROM: 34TH PH RG SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Operations No. 291 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 January 1945

~~MISSION~~ U.S. — 34/2219 - (4)

a. 1 F-5E from 1345A to 1510A. To photo target: Block coverage ¢-3693 to ¢-3780 to ¢-2430 to ¢-2579 to ¢-3693. OBSERVATION: Nil. ENEMY A/C: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. FRIEND: Block coverage ¢-0712 to ¢-1400 to ¢-2009 to ¢-0682 to ¢-0499 to ¢-0714, block coverage ¢-3974 to ¢-7472 to ¢-7454 to ¢-5430 to ¢-5972. WEATHER OVER TARGET: Good. ITEM OVER TARGET: 1400A to 1445A. RETURN: CAVU and slight haze. Mission successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 2nd Lt.).

b. (i) F-5E (1) 1 attacking target: Block coverage ¢-3693 to ¢-3780 to ¢-2430 to ¢-2579 to ¢-3693. (ii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) Nil

c. Nil
d. 1 hr. 45 minutes
e. Nil
f. Nil
g. Nil
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Form 54A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOS)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. ARMY

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Oprep Mis. No: 291 for 24 hours ending sunset
16 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3320 - (30)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1405A to 1615A. To photo target: St. Wendal MDA, Kaiserlautern MDA, RR/Line from Neustadt to Hochspeyer, Grunstadt RR/Line, Mannheim RR/Line, Dump at 4-977935, Kaiserlautern A/F, Neustadt A/F,. OBSERVATIONS: Nil
ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: St. Wendal MDA, Kaiserlautern MDA, RR/Line Neustadt to Hochspeyer, Gruntstadt RR/Line L-107 to L-114002, RR/Line Mannheim L-225149 to L-109072, Dump at 4-977935, Kaiserlautern A/F, Neustadt A/F, and Town of Saarbruchen Area, , Saarbruchen A/F, / RADIO CONTACT: Good. FIGHTER [illegible] 1400A to 1515A. [illegible] - Slight Flak. Mission successful. (Robert G. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: St. Wendal MDA, Kaiserlautern MDA, RR/Line Neustadt to Hochspeyer, RR/Line Grunstadt, RR/Line Mannheim, Dump at 4-977935, Kaiserlautern A/F, Neustadt A/F, . (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 2 Hrs. 10 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep/OAT No: 291 for 24 hours ending Sunset
16 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3341 *(31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1510A. To photo target: Pirmasens EDA, RR/ Line from Landau to Hinterweidenthal., RR/Bridge at R-134688, RR/Bridge at R-147678, Dump at R-916720, Kirrlach A/F, Landau A/I, Bruchsall A/I, Germersheim A/I, Speyer A/I, and Karlsruhe A/I, OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Pirmasens EDA, RR/Line from Landau to Hinterweidenthal - R-3707 to R-0267, RR/Bridges at R-134688 & R-147678, Dump at R-916720, Kirrlach A/F - R-5872, Landau A/I, Bruchsall A/I, Germersheim A/I, Speyer A/I, and Karlsruhe A/I, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1410A to 1430A. WEATHER: CAVU - medium haze. Mission successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Pirmasens EDA, RR/Line from Landau to Hinterweidenthal, RR/Bridges at R-134688 and R-147678, Dump at R-916720, Kirrlach A/F, Landau A/I, Bruchsall A/I, Germersheim A/I, Speyer A/I, . (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 Hr. 40 Minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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TO: H.q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 380)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 291 for 24 hours ending sunset
16 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - A/3522 - (24)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1530A to 1550A. To photo target: Mannheim A/F, Worms A/F, Heidelberg A/F, Mainz RR/B, Babenhausen A/F, Grostheim A/F, Darmstadt - Greisheim A/F, Zellhausen A/F,.
OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Mannheim A/F, Worms A/F, Heidelberg A/F, Mainz RR/B at A-9758, Babenhausen A/F at A-9951, Grostheim A/F, - A-9958, Darmstadt/ Greisheim A/F, Zellhausen A/F - A-9L4 and Mainz - Rhine River Rail/Bridge - A-9758. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1500A WEATHER: CAVU p Heavy haze and smoke.
Mission Successful. - (John H. Fox, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Mannheim A/F, Worms A/F, Heidelberg A/F, Mainz RR/Bridge, Babenhausen A/F, Grostheim A/F, Darmstadt/Greisheim A/F, Zellhausen A/F, (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/16/45 S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 519 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 16 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne on operational missions during the period because of poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 253, 254.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 253 and 254 for 24 hours ending sunset 17, 18 January 1945.
Operations Order No. -

1. A negative report is hereby submitted for the 17th and 18th of January.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY P. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 255.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 255 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 January 1945.
Operations Order No. 40-1, 2, 3, 5, 6, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1344 hours, 19 January 1945, Capt. Goode leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on the town of Herrlesheim. All bombs fell in target area. 1 bomb fell on the edge of town and probably hit a fuel dump judging by the big explosions and the billowing black smoke. 50 buildings were destroyed. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Herrlesheim. Scant, inaccurate, light flak at R-1614. Time down at A-96, 1538 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1258 hours, 19 January 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 15 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 lb., 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs ona supply dump at R-291235. Several hits were scored destroying 1 building and starting some fires. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-291235. Time down at A-96, 1431 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1311 hours, 19 January 1945, Lt. Marks leading. 16 P47D s took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 18 x 500 lb. and 7 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on the town of Herrlisheim destroying 20 buildings. 4 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on the town of Kiersheim with unobserved results. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned safe at W-515250. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-125145, R-130125 and R-145080. Time down at A-96, 1511 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1550 hours, 19 January 1945, Lt. Knoll leading. 15 P47D's took off, 3 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a M/Y at R-570508 with unobserved results. 8 x 500 lb. and 4 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on a town at R-636464. 1 large fire was started but no other results were observed. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned at U-6614. Intense, accurate heavy flak encountered at R-4770, R-4146. Time down at A-96, 1740 hours

A. One squadron of group took off on a Close Support mission from A-96 at 1610 hours, 19 January 1945, Lt. Roberts leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Mission was uneventful. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Strasbourg. Time down at A-96, 1729 hours.

DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 62 x P47D's.
2. 55 completed mission.
3. 7
3-C-Engine trouble.
2-C-Radio out.
2-D-Escort.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT I - Flak.
8. 57 sorties.
C. 1. 37 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 37.
D. 1. 124:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 117,800 x .50 cal.
2. 14,265.
3. None.
F. 1. 86 x 500 lb. G.P. 8 to 11 seconds delay.
27 x 100 lb. W.P.
2. 82 x 500 lb.
26 x 100 lb.
3. 4 x 500 lb.
1 x 100 lb.
4. None.
G and H, Nil.
I. Other Claims - On Ground
50 buildings destroyed at Herrlesheim
1 building destroyed at R-291235
20 buildings destroyed at Herrlesheim

CLOSE SUPPORT

B. 1. 12 x P47D's.
2. 12
3 thru 7, None.
8. 12 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 18:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 22,800 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.
F, G, H, I, Nones

For the Group Commander:

HENRY E. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
19 January 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 19 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2590

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1240 down at 1450. Target, town of Zweibrucken. T.O.T. 1345, bomb run to 5000', all hits in town, results unobserved due to weather. Scant accurate LAA & HAA at R-2326. Scant inaccurate LAA N. of Bitche, scant inaccurate HAA at R-2734. Weather 9/10ths from base along Rhine in layers from 2000' to 5000'. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2591

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1250 down at 1455. Target, train at W-033622. T.O.T. 1335, bomb run to 500', 2 direct hits on tracks 8 hits E. of tracks & 4 hits unobserved. Results, rail cut south of train. 7 A/C bombed. 2 A/C strafed building, building damaged. 2 A/C strafed and damaged factory near target. 2 A/C strafed factory area at W-045605, 3 buildings damaged. 2 A/C strafed town at W-0260, no results observed. 2 A/C strafed 2 boxcars in target area, 1 boxcar destroyed & 1 damaged. 4 A/C bombed at M-2406. T.O.T. 1350, bomb run 1500', 4 direct hits in building area, 4 buildings destroyed, 2 hits S & 2 hits E. of target. Scant LAA & small arms fire from W-033622 & M-2406. Scant HAA at M-3107. Weather 7/10ths from 3000' to 5000' from base to Rhine river. 10/10ths base 3000', Strasbourg. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 750 lb Napalm.

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Mission 2592

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1545 down at 1725. Target, town of Worth at R-387503. T.O.T. 1630, bomb run to 3000' with 14 hits in town, 2 hits on highway at R-387503, 2 hits W. embankment of Rhine river at R-383504, 2 hits N & 2 hits E of town. Results, 2 large fires in town, 10 buildings destroyed & 10 damaged. Highway cut & RR siding cut. Moderate HAA over Rhine N. Moderate accurate HAA & scant inaccurate LAA at R-387583. Weather 8/10ths 1500' to 6000', Karlsruhe to Strasbourg. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP

Mission 2593

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1535 down at 1715. Target, town of Niederroedern at R-2332. T.O.T. 1620, bomb run to 1000', 14 hits in & 2 hits E. of town. No results observed. Intense LAA & scant HAA W. bank of Rhine at R-2727. Intense LAA at target. Moderate LAA at R-1933. Weather 9/10ths entire route, base 3000'. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 19 JANUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	42	
	(ii)	41	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	1	Cat. #1, Flak
	(viii)	41	
C	(i)	4	75 gal.
	(ii)	4	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	78:25	
Note 6 E	(i)	84,000	
	(ii)	11,510	
Note 7 F	(i)	82 x 500 lb GP; 2 x 750 lb Napalm	
	(ii)	80 x 500 lb GP; 2 x 750 lb Napalm (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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20 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 287 for the period ending Sunset 19 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15,16, and 17. Close support and armed Recce.

A. (A.O. 15) 10 P-47s of 365th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 1 x 260# frag bombs, dispatched at 1142 on C/S and A/R area #4. Route flown: Base to Saarbourg, Hagenau, Strasbourg, Herlisheim R-1315. Flak was moderate, heavy at R-3123; light, moderate, at R-1315; heavy, scant, at R-1618. At R-2829, a tug was moving North and then stopped on the East bank of the Rhine. At R-2321, 4 barges on East bank, stationary; At R-2321 to R-2724, a number of barges parked along East bank of Rhine. At R-2825, 30 plus tanks and M/T dispersed along bank of river in woods on small secondary roads leading to the Rhine. At R-1618, 16 tanks parked in field, not dispersed, could not identify. Claims: 8 GP bombs and 4 frags on town of Iffezheim at R-3025, NRO, (Bombed through hole in clouds). Controller could not receive us. Heard Controller tell EXHAUST Squadron to bomb Herrlisheim R-1315. 365th Squadron followed EXHAUST Squadron in. 12 GPs and 4 frags dropped, observed hits in Northeast part of town, 5-6 bldgs damaged, 2 fires in Southwest part of town from previous bombing. Both towns strafed. E/A nil. Weather 7 to 8/10ths base 2,000 top 5,000 overcast bldg up in target area. 2 frags hung up returned to base. Time over target 1215-1245. Time down 1345.

(A.O. 16) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# GP bombs, dispatched at 1155 on A/R and C/S. Route flown: Base to Herlisheim, Achern, to base. Squadron contacted "Elite" and where told to bomb town of Herlisheim at R-1315. 24 bombs dropped and 1 strafing pass made. 20-22 hits in town. "Elite" said, "lots of stuff in town". Claims by strafing: 1 horse drawn vehicle destroyed at R-1302 headed Northeast. 2 to 3 trucks and 2 horse drawn vehicles at R-1504 headed Southeast, 2 trucks damaged, 1 horsedrawn vehicle destroyed 1 HD vehicle damaged. 4 to 5 horsedrawn vehicles and 2 to 3 trucks headed

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SW at R-1507, 1 HD vehicle damaged. E/A nil. Flak: Light intense, at R-1315. Light weak at R-1302. Light, moderate, at R-1313. 50 boxcars, no locomotives in M/Y at Achern R-2504. Losses: Lt T. T. Kilfoyle, M.I.A. last seen at R-1302. Time over target 1220-1300. Weather: 8/10 base 3 to 4000 ft, tops 8,000 feet, visibility below 2 to 5 miles, visibility above excellent. Time down 1345.

(A.O. 17) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000 lb GPs dispatched at 1215 on C/S and A/R. Strasbourg, Appenweir, Baden-Baden, Ettlingen, Pfortz, Strasbourg. Route flown: Base to Strasbourg, recced Rhine and vicinity to base. Squadron told by "Elite" to bomb Offendorf at R-1213. He also told them to contact "Elite"G-2" who would mark the target for them. Squadron couldn't contact him and adverse weather conditions made it impossible to locate the town. A hole in the cloud made it possible for them to spot and bomb the Gengenbach M/Y at W-2079 which had a loco and 20 box cars coming in from the South end and a Loco and 15 cars, steam up facing South. M/Y was about 1/3 full. Claims: 8 GPs on loco and 20 cars at W-2179, no claim. 8 GPs on Loco and 15 cars at W-2179, loco dam, and 3 box cars destroyed, left burning, 3 bldgs destroyed by direct hits. M/Y damaged. 4 GPs at W-1884, RR cut. 4 GPs jettisoned safe South of Sarrebourg. (because separated in over cast and returned home). E/A nil. Flak: Scant, inaccurate at Strasbourg, East Bank of Rhine. Weather: Target area 7/10's clouds, base 3,000, tops 4,000, visibility 2 to 3 miles. Time over target 1240-1310. Time down 1419.

B. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 4 A/C dropped bombs on town of Iffezheim at R-3025.
6 A/C dropped bombs on town of Herlisheim, R-1315.
12 A/C dropped bombs on town of Herlisheim at R-1315.
4 A/C dropped bombs on Loco and 20 cars at W-2179.
4 A/C dropped bombs on Loco and 15 cars at W-2179.
2 A/C dropped bombs, RR, at W-1884.
10 A/C strafed towns of Iffezheim and Herlisheim.
12 A/C strafed the following:-
R-1302, horse drawn vehicles, headed Northeast.
R-1504, 3 trucks and horse drawn vehicles.
R-1507, horse drawn vehicles and trucks.
34 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 P-47D-28RE 44-202289, M.I.A. Last seen at R-1302. flak.
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 34

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 71:30
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 3,920 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 48 - 1000# GPs, 20 - 500# and 10 - 260# Frags. Fused tail M114;and M101A2 on GPs and fused tail, M100A2 on Frags.
(ii) 44 - 1000# GPs, 20 - 500# GPs, 8 - 260# Frags expended as follows:
24 - 1000# GPs on town of Herlisheim at R-1315.
8 - 1000# GPs on Loco and 20 cars at W-2179.
8 - 1000# GPs on Loco and 15 cars at W-2179.
4 - 1000# GPs at W-1884, RR cut.
8 - 500# GPs and 4 frags on town of Iffezheim,R-3025.
12 - 500# GPs and 4 frags on town of Herlisheim R-1315.
(iii) 4 - 1000# GPs bombs jettisoned safe south of Sarrebourg.
(iv) Nil
2 - 260# Frag bombs, returned to base.

G. THOMAS T. KILFOYLE, JR., 1st Lt. O-766557. M.I.A.
(Last seen at R-1302. Flak).

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 2

3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 3

9. Factories and buildings,
c) Damaged, 6

11. Railroads cut, 1

13. Horse drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 2

14. M/Y attacked, c) Damaged, 1

17. Towns, c) Damaged, 1

4. (2). Operation No. A.O. 18. Close Cooperation Missions. and A.O.19,20 and 21.

A. (A.O. 18). 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# Gp bombs and 1 x 100# WPs, dispatched at 1500 on C/S. Route flown was Base to Saverne, Gambsheim, to base. Elite "H" vectored to woods at R-1112, marked by Red and White smoke, supposed to contain 16 tanks. 23 x 1000# GPs and 12 WPs in target area.

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1 GP bomb hung up, dropped safe 1 mile North of Strasbourg R-0202. E/A nil. Flak: Intense, light R-1112. Time over target 1540-1630. Weather: 8/10 2500 to 7-9000 feet. Time down 1710.

(A.O. 19) 11 P-47s of 366th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# GPs and 10 A/C carrying 1 x 1 WP, dispatched at 1500 on Close Cooperation. Route flown: Base to Germersheim to Base. Squadron contacted "Elite" and were vectored to target R-1410. 20 GPs and 9 WPs dropped on personnel and material concentration at R-1410., one strafing pass made. At least 20 vehicles and/or tanks destroyed on both banks of Rhine and many others damaged. 5 barges destroyed on West bank of Rhine. Numerous personnel killed and wounded. 4 fires left burning. 1 GP and 1 WP dropped at R-130088, NRO. 1 GP dropped on town of Kehl. 4 sheds strafed at R-1409 damaged. 35 plus vehicles headed West to road at R-1410 some painted white. Germersheim burning. Flak: Extremely intense light flak on bothsides of the Rhine at R-1410. E/A, nil. 1 A/C damaged by flak category 1. Time over target 1528-1605. Weather: 8/10, base, 14,000' tops unknown, vi 5 miles. Time down 1630.

(A.O. 20) 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# GPs and 1 x 100 WP, dispatched at 1519 on Close Cooperation "Elite" at Bouxviller. Route flown: Base to target R-075020 to R-105115. 10 x 1000# GPs and 5 x 100 WPs were dropped on two barges at R-064009, no hits on barges; hits in woods on East bank of Rhine. 6 x 1000 GPs and 3 x 100 WPs on possible pier or pontoon bridge at R-0702. No hits on target, all in wooded area on East bank of Rhine. 6 x 1000 GPs and 3 x 100 WPs on enemy personnel and equipment in woods at R-105105 at direction of "Elite". Two white tanks seen at Western edge of woods. All bombs hit in woods but NRO further. Flak: Nil. E/A nil. Possible pier seen at R-070020. Time over target 1600-1625. Time down 1714.

(A.O. 21) 8 P-47s, 4 from 366th and 4 from 367th Squadrons, each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# GPs and 1 x 100# WP, dispatched at 1445 on Close cooperation. Route flown: Bischweiler, Rastatt, Bruschal, Speyer, Landau to Base. Planes contacted by "Elite" and vecotred to pontoon bridge. 5 x 1000 GPs and 4 x 100 WPs on pontoon sections North of RR bridge at Speyer, no claim. 3 GPs hung up were dropped on town of Schwegenhm R-405730. 3 bldgs destroyed. 8 x 1000# GPs and 4 WPs on 8 pontoon sections at R-450575, no hits. Starfed pontoon section at R-450575, damaged 3. Strafed 2 flak positions at R-5977 NRO. Strafed 2 trucks headed South and 1 headed North at R-6770, 3 M/T damaged. Pontoon Bridge North of RR bridge at Speyer. 2 large vans going West at R-310853 painted white with Red Crosses. 30 plus flat cars and loco at R-435665 flat cars loaded with crates. Flak: Heavy, moderate, Speyer. Intense, heavy and light both sides of river at R-450574. Moderate, light R-5977. E/A nil. Time over target 1560-1610. Weather: 10/10 base 12,000 tops unknown. 8/10ths base 4,000 tops 6,000, slight haze below overcast. Visibility 5 miles, above overcast CAVU. Time down 1645.

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B. (i) 42 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs in target area, woods, at R-1112.
10 A/C dropped bombs on personnel and material concentration R-1410.
1 A/C dropped bombs at R-130088, and on town of Kehl.
5 A/C dropped bombs on two barges at R-064009.
3 A/C dropped bombs on possibel pier or pontoon bridge R-0702.
3 A/C dropped bombs on enemp personnel and equipment in woods at R-105105.
4 A/C dropped bombs on pontoon sections N of RR bridge, Speyer; and on town of Schwegenhm R-405730.
4 A/C dropped bombs on 8 pontoon sections at R-450575.
4 A/C strafed 4 sheds at R-1409.
8 A/C strafed pontoon section at R-450575; 2 flak positions at R-5977; 2 trucks headed S and 1 headed N at R-6770.
42 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1.
(viii) 42

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 89:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 100,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 13,945 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 84 - 1000# GP bombs, fused- nose, M103, tail M114.
42 - 100# WP bombs, fused- nose, M126, tail Burster,M4.
(ii) 83 - 1000# GPs and 42 - 100# WPs expended as follows:-
23 Gps and 12 WPs in target area, woods at R-1112.
20 Gps and 9 WPs on personnel and material concentration R-1410.
1 GP and 1 WP at R-130088.
1 GP dropped on town of Kehl.
10 GPs and 5 WPs dropped on 2 barges at R-064009.
6 GPs and 3 WPs on possible pier or pontoon bridge R-0702.
6 GPs and 3 WPs on enemy personnel and equipment in woods at R-105105.
5 GPs and 4 WPs on pontoon sections to pontoon bridge, Speyer.
3 GPs and dropped on town of Schewgenhm R-405730.
8 GPs and 4 WPs on 8 pontoon sections at R-450575.
(iii) 1 - 1000# GP jettisone safe 1 mile North Strasbourg R-0202.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

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I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 20
c) Damaged, 1

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 5

12. Barges,
a) Destroyed, 5

17. Other claims,
Damaged 3 pontoon sections.
Numerous personnel killed and wounded.
Town of Germersheim burning.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374,
U.S. Army

20 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET
Oprep A No. 117 for 24 hours ending Sunset 19 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col Wright, took off at 1319 on a close support mission with "Elite". Sq. contacted "Elite" and KosherD. "Elite" sent Sq. to Offenburg area but 10/10 overcast in area. Target was given by "Elite Fox", the town of Neiderroodern at Q-2334, but were unable to attack due to weather. Sq. then received permission from "Elite" to bomb RR tracks at W-1999. 21 x 500 and 6 x 100 dropped in target area, 1 rail cut. 1 x 500 and 1 x 100 jet. safe in lake at Q-4117. Scant inaccurate light flak encountered at W-1999. Weather for mission was 7/10 from 3-4,500' over target; 9/10 to 10/10 from 2-8,000' at Q-2334. T.O.T. 1350-1435, T.D. 1526.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Engine-hydraulic leak.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly Tank.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " " "

D. (i) 24:30hrs.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M113 8-11 Sec Delay, 8 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 21 x 500 " " " " " 6 x 100 " "
(iii) 3 x 500 " " " " " 2 x 100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 118 for 24 hours ending Sunset 19 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Delaney, took off at 1335 to escort B-26's to Achern M/Y. B-26's did not bomb due to 9/10 overcast from 4,000' to 8,500' in target area. Escorted uneventfully. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered 10 miles SE of Strassburg. 8-9/10 from 4-8,500', prevailed. T.O.T. 1415, T.D. 1503.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) Nil.; (c) 1-Radio-condenser blew out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 11

C. (i) 12 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 11 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) to (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

Oprep A No. 119 for 24 hours ending Sunset 19 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1405 on a escort mission escorting B-26's to M/Y at Rastadt. Sq. R/V with 13 B-26's E of Mirecourt, 1445 at 13,000'. Escorted to 10 miles SW of Rastadt where bombers turned back due to weather. Sq. left bomber NW of Colmar at 1520. Then Coalbin requested Sq. to R/V with bombers at Saverne. Sq. R/V at 1535 at 13,000' with 17 B-26's and escorted them to 10 miles SW of Rastadt where this group of bombers also returned without bombing due to weather. Sq. left bombers at Phalsbourg at 1600 and ret to base. Weather for mission was 10/10 in layers from 2,000-15,000' in target area; 6-7/10 from 2-7,000' enroute. T.O.T. 1445-1600, T.D. 1625.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 12 - 11-75 and 1-150 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 12 - 11-75 " 1-150 " " "

D. (i) 29:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

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Oprep A No. 119 for 24 hours ending Sunset 19 January 1945, (Cont'd).

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL.

F. NIL

G., H., and I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 120 for 24 hours ending Sunset 19 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Daniels, took off at 1550 on a close support mission with "Elite". Sq. could contact only "Elite George" who told Sq. to bomb and strafe Rohrweiler at R-160183 from N to S. Because location was so close to our lines, Sq. leader challenged controller three time but could not get "Elite George" to reply to challenge so did not comply with request. Following Sq. looked for target of opportunity, and D/B highway bridge (permanent) accross Rhine at R-171171. 2 0 x 500 dropped on bridge with 1 hit on W side damaging bridge and roadblock on W side. 4 x 500 dropped on unknown target NE of Stressburg, across the Rhine, NRO. Intense accurate heavy and light flak encountered at R-158183. 8-9/10 from 4-9,000', vis. 4-5miles. T.O.T. 1600, T.D. 1721

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 20:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,005 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (C) 1
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For the Commanding Officer:

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 432. MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 553

1. No. Off 19 - B26 Time Up 1337 Time Down 14-1615 Total Hours 37:50
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - - GLIDE *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FIGHTER WG. COVERED AREA.
3. Weather: 10/10 Cu; BASES UNKNOWN; TOPS AT 12,000'.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
5 - B26	COULDN'T JOIN FORMATION DUE TO BAD WEATHER.	14 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RR BRIDGE (W/Q-351288), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
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d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Inclement weather prevented bombing of target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	76	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	20(COULDN'T CATCH FORM). 52(WEATHER).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	4	R. ENGINE CUTTING OUT.	V-9040

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	25, 375	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 37 - 95 MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 554

1. No. Off 22 - B26 Time Up 1350 Time Down 1-1655 Total Hours 72:45 18-1730(landed at DOLE, FRANCE).

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - - GLIDE b. Escorted by: 64TH FIGHTER WG. COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 9/10 Cu; BASES AT 6/7,000' .. VISIBILITY 5 MILES.

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	SICK CREW MEMBER.
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
19 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RR BRIDGE (W/Q-351288), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Inclement weather prevented bombing of target. All bombs returned. - - - Flying time of 18 ships at TAVOUX AIRFIELD, DOLE, FRANCE, included in above "TOTAL HOURS".

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	88	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	12(EARLY RETURN) 76(WEATHER).

Explosives Jettisoned : NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	28,950	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - - -	- - - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C(B26G5-43-34377), crashed on landing at home field. A/C transferred to 51st Service Squadron.	Engine cutting out - for ced landing during snow storm.	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) : NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.
Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 472

1. No. Off 27B-26's Time Up 13:02 Time Down 15:28 Total Hours 79:00
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: (See results)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2-B26's	Engine	25 B-26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) Aachern, Germany. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Marshalling Yards (Area "A" (a) R-249027	Oppenau W-8935	No Attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- Three squadrons of 9 A/C each. No Attack.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- None due to weather.
Weather- East of Rhine clouds towered above flight altitude, forming a solid wall to east and necessitating return.
Correction on decoy mission 16 Jan. 1945. (Mission #469) 3 A/C dropped 24 x 500 # GP .1, .025 second delay fuses, instead of 12 1000#GP as reported

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000#GP	1/10X.01	108	None				4	104

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
½ 50 Cal.	77,600	None (2,500 lost on dest. A/C)

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	Inaccurate	Scant	Offenburg, Germany. (W) W-1587

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 B-26 (Dest.) G-10 43-34605	Engine cut out	1-P 1-CP 1-UTG 1-TG 1-RWG 1-LWG

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Corbin, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
FOR ASHLEY B. WOOLRIDGE,
LT. COL. AIR CORPS,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadron 441st.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 471

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 13:00 Time Down 15:26 Total Hours 7:15
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: (See results)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
None		3 B-26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) Achern, Germany (2) (3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Supply dump (W)R-249027	Oppenau W-8935	No Attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

Enroute- One squadron of three A/C. No Attack.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- None due to weather.
Weather- Mist of Rhine clouds towered above flight altitude, forming a solid wall to east and necessitating return.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No. Rt'd To Base
500# GP	1/10.01	24	None				None	24

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	7,600	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	inaccurate	scant	Offenburg, Germany (W) W-1587

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

W. L. Korbin, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
FOR ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE,
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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 95 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3 663, TR/11/19/11.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1410-1615. To recce Strassbourg-Seltz-Rastatt-Lichtenau-Colmar-Mulhouse-Gerardmer. OBSERVATIONS: 20-30 MT in Lichtenau and along road about 1/2 mile out of town at 1445 hrs. 10 MT, mostly south at R-278365 at 1515 hrs. 4 MT BW V-6626. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Seltz. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1425-1600. WEATHER: 9-/10/10 5-9000' Rhine valley.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-Gerardmer.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal.Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3654, TR/9/19/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1445-1625. To recce Strassbourg-Zwibx-Rastatt-Lichtenau-Zwimar-Zwihouse-Zerardmer. OBSERVATIONS: Saarbrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1505-1600. WEATHER: 9-/10 3-7000' Saar basin.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saarbrucken area.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. 3 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3655, TR/13/19/13.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1520-1640. To recce Saargemund-Saarlautern-Neuenkirchen-Landshut-area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1640. WEATHER: 9/10 5-6000' Saar basin-Hardt mts.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Landshut.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii)
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

19 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical, Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 126 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 19 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 330 (TR/3/19/3)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1355-1555. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: P-47s dive-bombed train at R3951, destroying locomotive. Smoke screen at W0386, no activity seen. 15-20 M/T mov SW between Wissembourg & Reichshofen (Q950375); unable to pinpoint due to weather. No further observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: H-I-I Selz S-I-H Karlsruhe. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1540. WEATHER: 6-10/10 4000 Base-8000 top.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 331 (TR/6/19/6)

A. 2 F6Ds from 1510-1710. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530-1615. WEATHER: 10/10 base, 2500 ft.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 332 (TR/19/19/19)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1510-1710. To recce in Area "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Saarbrucken-Bad Kreuznach - Weather. RR Bridge at M-095390 serv. RR Bridge at Rudesheim (M-1454) serv. 5 self-propelled barges STAT at M-0955. 5 Barges, W side of river, STAT, facing S at M-4931. Hvy Bridge at Gernsheim (M-5329) serv. Pontoons in middle of river at M-4623. RR Bridge at Worms undergoing repairs, but not serv. 10 locos, S/U & M/Y 2/3 full at Ludwigshaven(called in). Factory adjacent to M/Y on SE side with 7 stacks active. Train 30 plus cars mvg N into Schiffestadt(called in). Train, 30 cars, mvg S out of Speyer, and 1 train, 15 cars, STAT, S/U, facing N, at Speyer(called in). NTR Speyer-Strassbourg. 5-7 M/T scattered, STAT, in Selz. 10 scattered M/T vic 5 miles N of Kehl, STAT. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530-1650. WEATHER: 7-10/10, base 2-3000', tops 5-8000'.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "Route 1". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 294 for 24 hours ending sunset
19 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/2323 - (1)

A. 1/1-52, from 1445A to 1615A. To photo target: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-3780 to ¢-3490 to ¢-4278 to ¢-3892. Block Coverage: ¢-4757 to A-3046 to A-4433 to ¢-0343 to ¢-0845. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY A/C: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1549A. REMARKS: (Names illegible.) 10/10ths clouds in operational area. Mission unsuccessful/vivelylst.

B. (i) 1/1-52, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: ¢-3893 to ¢-3780 to ¢-3490 to ¢-4278 to ¢-3892. Block Coverage: ¢-4757 to A-3046 to A-433 to ¢-0343 to ¢-0845. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) 10/10ths cloud coverage in operational area - no photographs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil

D. 1 hr 30 minutes G. Nil

E. Nil H. Nil

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Form 540.

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (APPLICATION 26 300)

From: 34th Photo Rcn. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

SUBJECT:

Operations Report No: 494 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 January 1945

Issued U.S. - 1/2344 - (24)

a. 1 F-5A, from 1445A. to 1615A. To photo target: Block coverage: ←3693 to ←3760 to ←3826 to ←4278 to ←4693: Block coverage: ←3757 to ←3840 to ←4433 to ←4848 to ←4913. Weather over target: Wil Visibility: Good. Time over target: 1515A to 1545 A. Remarks: 10/10ths cloud coverage in operational area - no photos taken. Mission unsuccessful. (Lt. Col. E. Meyerson, 1st. Lt.)

b. (i) 1 F-5A, (ii) 1 attacking target. Block coverage: ←3693 to ←3760 to ←3826 to ←4278 to ←4693: Block coverage: ←3757 to ←3840 to ←4433 to ←4848 to ←4913. (iii) Abortive sortie: (iv) 10/10ths cloud coverage in operational area - no photographs taken. (v) Wil (vi) Wil (vii) Wil (viii) Wil

c. 1 hr. 30 minutes

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: January 19, 1945.

OPREP A No 522 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 19 January, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne on operational missions during the period due to poor weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger

HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY

21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 256.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 256 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0910 hours, 20 January 1945, Capt. Hudson leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. and 7 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a factory and a group of buildings at R-435218. 1 building was destroyed, 1 building damaged. 4 buidlings were destroyed in an adjacent town. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at Q-8038. No flak was encountered. 1 aircraft ran out of gas and bellied in at Y-8. All ships landed at Luxevil at 1136 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0921 hours, 20 January 1945, Capt. Herrick leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron was directed to Egg Basket on a town 7 miles NE of Strasbourg. 24 x 500 lb. and 8 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1132 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0934 hours, 20 January 1945, Lt. Scott leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. and 3 x 265 lb. frag. bombs on eight barrack type buildings at S-0402. 1 building was destroyed, 2 buildings damaged. 2 M/T's were damaged by strafing at S-0402. 8 x 500 lb. and 3 x 1001b. bombs were jettisoned over enemy territory. 6 x 500 lb., and 3 x 265 lb. frag. bombs were dropped on an overpass and RR at W-0377, 1 railcut was scored. 2 x 500 lb. and 1 x 265 lb. frag. bombs were jettisoned in a lake at Q-3813. At W-5829 the squadron sighted 5 ME-109's on the deck. Squadron attacked destroying all 5 of the enemy aircraft. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1201 hours.

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DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 47 x P47D's.
2. 45.
3. 2-C
1 prop trouble
1 oil on windshield caused by oil leak.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 1 aircraft bellied in at Y-8, CAT I.
8. 46 sorties.
C. 1. 17 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 17.
D. 1. 98:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 91,300 x .50 cal.
2. 6, 020.
3. None.
F. 1. 70 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
20 x 100 lb. W.P.
7 x 265 lb. Frag.
2. 68 x 500
18 x 100
7 x 265.
3. 2 x 500
2 x 100 W.P.
4. None.
G. None.
H. 5 ME-109's destroyed:
2 destroyed by 1st Lt. Roy F. Center.
1 destroyed by 2nd Lt. Leman L. Rosenburg.
1 destroyed by 2nd Lt. Robert E. Jones.
1 destroyed by 2nd Lt. Frank Fasmer.
I. Other Claims - On Ground.
5 buildings destroyed, 1 building damaged at B-435218.
1 building destroyed, 2 buildings damaged at S-0402.
2 M/T's damaged at S-0402.
1 railcut at Q-0377.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY M. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
20 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 20 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

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JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 188 for the period ending Sunset 20 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15 and A.O. 16. Dive Bomber Missions.

A. (A.O. 15) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron, each A/C carrying 2 - 1000# GP bombs and 1 - 100# WPs, dispatched at 0815 on Dive bombing Command Post (V-646144) and A/R. Route flown: Base to Mulhouse, to target area to base. Squadron orbited target area for 15 minutes but unable to locate target due to weather. Claims: V-8513 4 a/c dropped 8 GPs and 4 WPs , des, 1 pier and des 2 barges anchored at pier -- all on East bank of river. V-7585 1 a/c dropped 2 GPs and 1 WP, on bldgs -- no claims. V-7213 1 a/c dropped 2 GPs and 1 WP bombs des large 2 story warehouse by direct hits started fire. V-7227 1 a/c dropped 2 GPs and 1 WP bombs, attempted to bomb roadbridge -- no hits. V-7523, 1 a/c dropped 2 GPs and 1 WP bombs, attempted to bomb bridge -- no claims. V-7611, 2 a/c dropped 4 GPs and 2 WPs, bombed hexagonal shaped bldg -- looked like fort -- one of East walls blown down., V-9027, 2 a/c dropped 4 GPs and 2 WPs, bombed steel road bridge -- no hits. By strafing; V-7523 Des 3 H/D artillery headed SE and 1 flk position damaged. V-7227 2 M/Ts des and 2 H/Ds des and 2 H/D des -- both headed East. Flak: V-7611 Weak, light. V-9027 Intense, light, weak and moderate light through area. V-8513 intense light, weak, heavy. 6 to 8 landing piers 30 feet long and spaced 30 feet apart, extending from both banks of river. About 8 barges moored on either side of river, had snow on them, seen at 0930 from 300 feet V-8614. E/A nil. 1 A/C damaged by flk cat.1.

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Time over target 0850-0935. Weather: 10/10 from base to area -- bottoms from 400 to 1,400, tops 7,000. 12,500 slight haze below overcast. Time down 1005.

(A.C. 16) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# GPs and 1 x 100# WPs dispatched at 0836 on Dive bombing Road Bridge at V-662160, and A/R Riegel, Freiburg, Offenburg, Route Flown: Base to Colmar to Mulhouse to target to base. Squadron could not bomb PT because of low cloud formation. Weather: Extremely bad. Weather prevented squadron remaining intact, and they returned by flights. 8 x 1000# GPs and 4 WPs on road bridge at V-7218, no claim on bridge, 4 buidlings destroyed by direct hits in town, and one left burning. 6 x 1000# GPs and 3 WPs jettisoned, vicinity West of Freiburg (icing forced flight to jettison bombs and return) 2 x 1000# GPs and 1 WP returned to base, same flight. 8 x 1000# GPs and 4 WPs on RR bridge at Breisach, V-8837. Some near misses on bridge, but still intact after bombing. 4 bldgs destroyed by direct hits in town of Breisach. Flak: Moderate, accurate Heavy at Neuf Breisach; Moderate, inaccurate light at Breisach; moderate, inaccurate light and heavy in Colmar pocket. Time over target, 1000-1015. 3 road bridges intact at Ensisheim, V-7218. Unknown type of bridge observed knocked out and road bridge intact at Pulversheim, V-6715. E/A nil. Weather: 10/10s clouds, base 400 feet, cloud layers on top at 11,000, 13,000 and 19,000 feet. Heavy icing in clouds. Visibility 5 to 10 miles. Time down 1032.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 4 A/C dropped bombs on pier and barges, at V-8513.
1 A/C dropped bombs on buildings, V-7585.
1 A/C dropped bombs on warehouse, V-7213.
1 A/C dropped bombs, attempted to bomb road bridge V-7227.
1 A/C dropped bombs, attempting to bomb bldgs, V-7523.
2 A/C dropped bombs, on hexagonal bldg, at V-7611.
2 A/C dropped bombs on steel road bridge, V-9027.
12 A/C strafed the following:
V-7523, H/D artillery headed SE and 1 flak position.
V-7227, M/Ts headed east.
V-8514, 2 barges.
4 A/C dropped bombs on road bridge at V-7218.
4 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at Breisach, V-8837.
20 A/C dompleted missions.

(iii) 4 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) 4 a/c abortive, due to weather,(icing forced flight to jettison bombs and return).

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 1 A/C damaged by flak, category 1.

(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

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D. (i) 50:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 3,930 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 - 1000# GP bombs, and 24 - 100# WP bombs.
(ii) 40 - 1000# GPs and 20 WP bombs expended as follows;-
8 GPs and 4 WPs on pier and barges at V-8513.
2 GPs and 1 WP bombs on buildings, at V-7585.
2 GPs and 1 WP bombs on warehouse at V-7213.
2 GPs and 1 WP bombs on roadbridge at V-7227.
2 GPs and 1 WP bombs on buildings at V-7523.
4 GPs and 2 WPs on building at V-7611.
4 GPs and 2 WPs on steel road bridge at V-9027.
8 GPs and 4 WPs on road bridge at V-7218.
8 GPs and 4 WPs on RR bridge at Breisach, V-8837.
(iii) 6 - 1000# GPs bombs jettisoned, vicinity west of Freiburg.
3 - 100# WP bombs jettisoned, vicinity of west Freiburg.
(iv) Nil
2 - 1000# GP bombs returned to home base.
1 - 100# WP bombs returned to home base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 9
c) Damaged, 1

13. Horse drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 1

12. Vessels and barges,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims; 1 Pier destroyed.

4. (2). Operation No.: A.O. 17 Armed Recce Mission.

A. (A.O. 17) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 1000# GPs and 1 x 100# WP bombs dispatched at 0820 on A/R. Route flown: Base to Zweibrücken, Ludwigshafen, Aalen (S-7430) to base. 8 x 1000# GP and 4 x 100# WP bombs returned, due to icing and bad weather. 1 x 1000# GP hung up, returned to base. 4 x 1000# GPs

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2 x 100# WPs jettisoned safely Zweibrucken area, because of planes icing up. 2 x 100# WPs jettisoned armed 10 Miles North east of Homburg, because of icing up. 1 x WP jettisoned armed near Schifferstadt. 2 x 1000# on Ludwigshafen M/Y, 3 sidings, 20 box cars on each, hits in siding, 1 fire seen no further results observed. 4 x 1000# and 2 WPs in M/Y at S-7430, about 150-200 box cars, 3 locos. Damaged 1 M/Y direct hits among cars, also large explosion, no further results observed. 3 x 1000# and 2 WPs on train 8 miles South of Aalen S-7518. Train had 30 box cars and 5 passenger cars headed South, 1 loco damaged by strafing (bombs missed). Observed some tracks in use in Ludwigshafen M/Y on locos, had been bombed, some tracks appeared to be in use. 1 A/F observed at R-8621, no activity, snow on runway. Flak nil. E/A nil. Time over target 0845-1040. Weather: 10/10, base unknown, tops varied 8,000-12000. Time down 1110.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 2 A/C dropped bombs in M/Y at S-7430.
1 A/C dropped bombs in M/Y at Ludwigshafen.
2 A/C dropped bombs on train 8 miles S of Aalen s-7518.
5 A/C completed mission.
(iii) 7 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) weather; (because planes icing up).
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 25:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 29,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 1000# GP bombs, and 12 - 100# WP bombs.
(ii) 9 GPs and 4 WPs expended as follows:-
2 GPs on Ludwigshafen M/Y.
4 GPs and 2 WPs in M/Y at S-7430.
3 GPs and 2 WPs on train south of Aalen S-7518.
(iii) 4 GPs and 2 WPs jettisoned safely Zweibrucken area.
2 GPs and 1 WP jettisoned armed 10 miles northeast Homburg.
1 WP jettisoned armed near Schifferstadt.
(iv) Nil
8 - 1000# GPs and 4 - 100# WPs returned to base.
1 - 1000# GP hung up, returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 1

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 2

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

21 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army.
Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]

1. Oprep A No. 121 for 24 hours ending Sunset 20 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 20 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)

b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)

c. Crew Casualties (By position for a\|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ---

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit

b. Probable No. & Type - Credit

c. Damaged No. & Type

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FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 20 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Corbin Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
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FOR ASHLEY B. WOODRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111th TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 96 for 24 hours ending sunset, 20 January, '45. SECRET.

No operations due to weather.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

20 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 127 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 20 January 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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Form 54A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No. 295 for 24 hours ending sunset
20 January 1945

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USAAF
FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref; 1/20/45 S[redacted]

OPERATIONAL No. 523 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 20 January 1945.

A. Two Beaufighters airborne on GCI Patrol in Strassbourg - Hagenau - Wissembourg Area. First Patrol from 18:00 to 19:15. Was informed by GCI that two Bogeys were coming into the area but both turned back before any interception could be attempted. Second patrol from 19:35 to 21:20. Returned to base because of poor weather.

B. (i) Two Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) None
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) None
(d) One - heater U/S
(iv) None

C. (v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Two

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 3:00

E. (i) 2000 x 20MM
12000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

I. None

Harold St. Augustyn
HAROLD ST. AUGUSTYN, [illegible]
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
22 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 22 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2595

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on Bomber Escort Mission, up at 1115 down at 1240. Rendevous with bombers at 1145. Target closed in. Bombers returned to base, no incidents. Weather, Haguenau North 8/10ths top 14,000'. Scant LAA at R-2033.

Mission 2596

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1115 down at 1250. Target, supply dump at R-199555, bomb run to 2000'. T.O.T. 1150, 2 hits NE & 2 hits SW of target, 1 building destroyed. 16 hits in target, 3 buildings destroyed. Scant HAA at target. Weather 10/10ths 5000' top at Sarrbourg. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble. 1 A/C crashed, Pilot, K.I.A. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2597

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1135 down at 1345. Target, M/Y at Homburg, T.O.T. 1255, bomb run to 2000'. 2 hits on Spur at Q-697803, rail cut, 4 hits on rails at Q-700803, 6 hits in buildings in M/Y, 6 near misses. 1 building destroyed, 3 damaged. 8 boxcars damaged. Moderate LAA & scant HAA at target. Scant HAA at Zweibrucken. Weather to Sarbrucken CAVU, Rhine area 8/10ths, top 9000'. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-3813. 2 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble.

Mission 2598

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1350 down at 1515, target, Woods at R-1112. T.O.T. 1445 bomb run to 3000', 22 hits in target area. Results 2 moderate explosions. Intense LAA at target. Moderate HAA at Bischweiler. Weather 5/10ths to 6/10ths from 3000' to 6000' at target. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2599

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1400 down at 1510, target, town of Bitche. T.O.T. 1440, bomb run to 2500' with 6 hits into fort, 9 hits in town. 1 bomb hung up, dropped E. of Camp de Bitche. Results, 5 buildings destroyed. 4 A/C bombed between Q-880516 and Q-860506, bomb run to 1500'. T.O.T. 1435, 2 hits at Q-880517, 2 hits at Q-879516, caused road block, 2 hits at Q-873512, 2 hits at Q-865505. Flight strafed & destroyed 1 trailor & 2 horse-drawn vehicles at Q-892505. Scant HAA from Camp de Bitche, moderate LAA at Bitche. Weather, base to Saverne 6/10ths from 4000' to 5000', CAVU from Bitche to Zweibrucken.
Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSION 22 JANUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	47	
	(ii)	42	
	(iii)c.	4	
	(v)	1	
	(viii)	42	
C	(i)	3	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	66:05	
Note 6 E	(i)	94,000	
	(ii)	15,310	
	(iii)	2,000	
Note 7 F	(i)	94 x 500 lb GP	
	(ii)	84 x 500 lb GP	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 6 x 500 lb GP to base)	
Note 8 G		1 Pilot K.I.A.	

BOMBERS ESCORT MISSION

Note 4 B	(i)	12	
	(ii)	12	
	(viii)	12	
Note 5 D	(i)	17:00	
Note 6 E	(i)	24,000	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

24 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 190 for the period ending Sunset 22 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Rail Cutting Mission.

A. (A.O. 15) 6 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0840 to go on rail cutting. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs and 1 x 100 lb WP bombs. 1 a/c aborted (mechanical) and returned to base with its bombs. Route flown was base to Seltz to Hagenau to Wissembourg to Landau to Neustadt to area south of Kaiserslautern to base. Loco and 6 passenger cars heading N seen at R-3388. RR bridge at R-2825 had been bombed, but what remained of section in center appeared to have pontoons to replace damaged part. 10 GPs and 5 WPs on RR tracks at R-2855 - no claims. 4 of the GPs did not explode. Strafed M/T heading E carrying 15 to 20 personnel at R-2083 - M/T destroyed and some of personnel killed. Destroyed staff car and gas truck at R-0066 by strafing. Strafed 25 box cars and a shed at R-3183 - claim shed and 5 oil cars in shed damaged, but no claim as to the box cars. No flak, no e/a, no losses. Weather: 10/10 cloud with base running from deck to 5,000 ft. Down 1045.

B. (i) 6 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 5 a/c dropped bombs on RR tracks at R-2855.
5 a/c strafed the following:
R-2083, M/T heading E with 2- personnel
R-0066, Staff car and gas truck
R-3183, 25 box cars and shed with 5 oil cars
5 a/c completed mission
(iii) 1 a/c abortive due to:-
(c) Mechanical trouble (rough engine)
(iv) Nil

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(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 6

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 13:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 14,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 6,080 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

M4 Burster N. M103, M126

F. (i) 12 - 1000# GP bombs, and 6 - 100# WP bombs. T. M102A, M114
(ii) 10 - 1000# GP bombs, and 5 - 100# WP bombs on RR tracks at R-2855. (4 GPs did not explode)
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
2 GPs and 1 WP returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 2
4. Railroad Cars
c) 5
9. Miscellaneous buildings
c) 1 (shed)

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 16 and 17. Dive Bomb and Armed Recce Missions.

A. 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0850 to D/B and gon on A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x1000 lb GP bomb and 1 x WP bomb. Route flown was base to Bitche to Kaiserslautern to Pirmasens to Bitche to base. T.O.T. was 0930-1010. The following observations of rail and motor traffic were made: Kaiserslautern west M/Y had 200 box cars and south M/Y had some 200 to 300 cars; 150 box and coal cars at ⌖-9893; 120 box and coal cars in M/Y at Pirmasens (⌖-9175); 40 to 50 M/T and/or tanks in woods east of Bitche at ⌖-8453. All bombs on PT, buildings and barracks at ⌖-977935 - 5 buildings destroyed and 3 damaged in southern part of target area. 10 buildings in the northern section were strafed. A large fire observed in woods at SW corner of the target area. Flak: moderate heavy at Kaiserslautern, scant heavy at ⌖-9888 and ⌖- 9386, and scant light at Bitche. No losses, no

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e/a. Weather: multi-layered 6/10 clouds from 1500 to 5000 ft with visibility to ground poor. Down 1035.

(A.O. 17) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1217 to D/B and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Wissembourg to Landau to target to base. T.O.T. was 1300-1400. Weather prevented squadron from bombing their assigned alternate target. All bombs dropped on M/Y at R-2855 resulting in damage to M/Y. 4 buildings destroyed by the bombs at R-2958 and RR cuts at R-2753. The following claims are from strafing: 1 M/T and 5 personnel destroyed at R-3561, 2 RR cranes damaged at R-3555, 1 M/T a R-3260, 3 M/Ts damaged at R-3554, 1 M/T destroyed at R-3455, 1 M/T destroyed at R-3560; 1 M/t damaged at R-3462, 1 M/T and 3 personnel destroyed at R-3651, 3 buildings damaged at R-2855, 1 M/T at R-2854 destroyed, radio shack and 4 towers damaged at R-2753, 1 M/T damaged at R-3552, 2 M/Ts destroyed and 4 damaged at R-3450, 1 M/T destroyed at R-2657, 1 building at R-2657 damaged, 1 staff car at R-2953 destroyed, 1 M/T damaged at R-2953, 1 M/T with personnel damaged at R-2854, 1 M/T damaged at R-2257, 1 M/T destroyed at R-3053, 2 Mts damaged at R-3450, 4 M/Ts and 2 H/D vehicles damaged at R-3540. Flak: moderate light at R-3554 and scant heavy at R-3554. 2 P-47s damaged: Cat 2. No e/a seen. Weather: 5/10ths with base at 3000 and tops 5000. Down 1504.

B. (i) 23 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 11 a/c dropped bombs on buildings at [illegible]-977935
12 a/c dropped bombs on M/Y at R-2855
23 a/c strafed the following:
buildings at northern section ([illegible]-977935)
R-3561, 1 M/T and 5 personnel
R-3555, 2 RR cranes
R-3260, 1 M/T
R-3554, 3 M/Ts
R-3455, 1 M/T
R-3560, 1 M/T
R-3462, 1 M/T
R-3651, 1 M/t & 3 Personnel
R-2855, 3 buildings
R-2854, 1 M/T
R-2753, radio shack & 4 towers
R-3552, 1 M/T
R-3450, 6 M/Ts
R-2657, 1 M/T
R-2657, 1 building
R-2953, 1 staff car, 1 M/T
R-2854, R-2257, R-3053, R-3450, 5 M/Ts
R-3540, 4 M/Ts and 2 H/Ds

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil

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(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 a/c damaged: Cat 2. Flak.
(viii) 23

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 60:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 55,200 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 16,630 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 46 - 1000# GP bombs and 11 - 100# WP bombs — Burster M4 — N. M103, M126 T. M102A, M11A
(ii) 22 GPs and 11 WPs on buildings and barracks at Q-977935
24 GPs on M/Y at R-2855
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. ✓ 1. Military Transportation
a) 11
c) 18
✓ 4. Railroad Cars
c) 10
9. Miscellaneous Buildin gs
a) 9
c) 12
✓ 11. Railroad Cuts
a) 2
✓ 13. Horse Drawn Vehicles
c) 2
✓ 14. M/Y Attacked
c) 1
17. Other
a) Horses (4)
c) RR cranes (2)

4. (3) Operations No.: A.O. 19, 20, and 21, Close Support and Armed Recce.

A. (A.O. 19) 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispathced at 0920 to go on C/S and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GPs and 6 carried 1 x 100 lb WPs. Route flown was base to Sarreunion to Pirmasens to Kaiserslautern to target to Landau to base. T.O.T. was 1000-1015. Did not follow recce route as clouds were right down to the tops of the mountains. Due to adverse weather conditions it was impossible to do any close support work. 24 GPs and 6 WPs on small M/Y at R-1883 containing about 40 tarpaulin covered flat and box cars and 1

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locomotive. M/Y damaged plus 1 loco and 10 cars damaged by strafing. Strafed 3 M/Ts at R-0166 carrying approximately 50 troops - 2 M/Ts destroyed, 1 damaged, and some 30 troops killed. Strafed 3 half-tracks, 1 extra long truck with crane on rear, and 1 M/T moving S at R-0265 - 1 half-track destroyed and 1 damaged, 1 long truck damaged, and 1 M/T destroyed. 4 barracks at R-0166 strafed and damaged. No losses, No E/A seen. Weather: 7 to 9/10ths clouds at 300 ft over the mountains and tops at 1,000 ft. Down 1111.

(A.C. 20) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1205 to go on C/S and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs and 1 x WP bombs. Route flown was base to Colmar to Gambsheim to base. T.O.T. was 1245-1330. The following observations were made: "Kosher" reported M/T in woods at R-105115, but no tracks of vehicles or any sign of activity was seen there; 1 tank on road running along S edge of town at R-109101 but Kosher said not to attack it; 2 piers were seen on E bank of the Rhine at R-0702; 20-30 M/T headed N towards Gambsheim at R-0708. Kosher Dog addigned town of Gambsheim as target - 14 GPs and 6 WPs dropped on SW edge of town but NRO. 8 GPs and 4 WPs dropped at R-105101 resulting in 1 road block. 2 GPs were jettisoned east of the Rhine at R-1307 after they had hung up over the target. Flak: moderate light at Gambsheim, and moderate heavy at R-0815. No losses. No E/A seen. Weather: 4/10 with base at 3,000 and tops 4,000. Down 1400. WP

(A.C. 21). 11 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched on C/S and A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs and 10 a/c carried 1 x WP bombs. 1 a/c aborted (radio) it's 2 GPs jettisoned safe at Q-3518 and the WP was returned to base. Route flown was base to Morhange to target, R-364394, to Landau to Endenkoben to Neustadt to Kaiserslautern to Pirmasens to base. T.O.T. was 1300-1400. Observations: 10 plus MTs heading SE and N observed at Q-6252 - moderate MT traffic was seen on all roads in that area heading N & SE; they did not dispaly panels but did have a white star. No activity was noted at M/Ys at Neustadt or Landau. Capaign was contacted but had no targets. Elite called in with a target, but squadron had dropped their bombs prior to his call. 8 GPs and 2 WPs dropped on NW side of supply depot at R-364394 - all bombs on target with good pattern and good hits, but NRO. 12 GPs and 5 WPs on SW side of depot at R-664394, but no claims. 1 WP returned to base when failed to release over target. Damaged one M/T at R-3052 by strafing. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Cat 1. Flak: moderate heavy at R-3141 and R-3529, and weak light at R-3141. No e/a seen. Weather: 9/10 in Kaiserlautern area and clouds at 14,000 ft in Hagenau area. Down 1420. WP

B. (i) 35 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on small M/Y at R-1883. And strafed the following:-
R-0166- 3 MTs, carrying 50 troops.
R-0265- 3 half-tracks, truck, and crane.
R-0166- 4 barracks.

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12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
SW edge of town, Gambsheim,
Road block, at R-105101.
10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-364394-NW side of supply depot.
R-664394-SW side of depot.
Also strafed, M/T at R-3052.
34 A/C completed missions.

(iii) 1 A/C aborted, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c abortive, mechanical, radio trouble.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak; Cat. 1.
(viii) 35

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 74:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 84,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 14,110 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 70 - 1000 lb GP bombs, fused - tail M114.
28 - 100 lb WP bombs, fused - nose M126, Burster M4.
(ii) 96 - 1000 lb GPs and 26 WP bombs expended as follows:-
24 GPs and 6 WPs on small M/Y at R-1883.
14 GPs and 8 WPs on SW edge of town of Gambsheim.
8 GPs and 4 WPs at R-105101.
8 GPs and 2 WPs on NW side of supply depot R-364394.
12 GPs and 6 WPs on SW side of supply depot R-664394.
(iii) 4 GP -1000 lb bombs jettisoned.
(iv) Nil
2 - 100 lb WP bombs returned to home base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 4

3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
c) Damaged, 10

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9. Factories and buildings,
c) Damaged, 4

10. Roads cut, 1

14. M/Y attacked, c) Damaged, 1

4 (4). Operation No. A.O. 22 and 23. Close support, Air Cooperation.

A. (A.O. 22) 15 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 1000 lb GPs and 1 x 100 lb WP bombs, dispatched at 1600 hours to perform close support mission. Followed route of base to Bouxwiller to Gambsheim to Base. Flak was intense, light at R-1012; Heavy intense at R-1013. In the wooded area at R-105115 appeared to be an undetermined number of vehicles, type unknown, dispersed. This reported to Kosher Fox. Observed Bookworm Squadron bomb same target and they had very good coverage of wooded area. Contacted Elite Baker, who marked target at West end with 3 bursts violet smoke. All bombs (30 x 1000 GPs and 15 x 100 WPs) dropped at R-105115. Of these, 28 GPs and 14 WPs observed to land in the woods, in a good concentration over the entire wooded area. Also strafed area. TOT: 1640-1715 hours. No E/A encountered, no losses, but 2 P-47s damaged, Cat. 2, flak and 1 P-47 damaged, Cat, 1, flak. Weather: 7/10ths, base, 3,000, tops 4,000, visibility above good; below visbility 5 miles. Time down: 1745 hours.
(A.O. 23) 15 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1600 to go on C/S. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs and 1 x WP bombs. Route flown was base to R-1112 to base. T.O.T. was 1625-1715. Elite Baker sent squadron to bomb woods containing 50 tanks at R-105115. All bombs were in the woods with excellent concentration leaving some 12 to 15 fires burning with 1 secondary explosion observed. 3 light flak guns strafed and damaged at R-1312. Flak: intense light at R-1112 and intense heavy at R-1215. 1 a/c damaged by flak; Cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: 6 to 10/10 cloud with base at 5,000 ft and visibility 3 to 5 miles. Down 1745.

B. (i) 30 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 15 A/C dropped bombs at R-105115, wooded area, appeared to be an undetermined number of vehicles.
Also strafed area, R-105115.
15 A/C dropped bombs at R-105115, woods containing 50 tanks.
Also strafed 3 light flak guns at R1312.
30 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 4 P-47s damaged, category; 2 a/c cat 1; and 2 a/c cat 2. flak.
(viii) 30

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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 61:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 72,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,700 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 60 - 1000 lb GP bombs, fused tail - M114.
30 - 100 lb WP bombs, fused nose - M126, tail, Burster M4.
(ii) 60 - 1000 lb GP bombs and 30 WP bombs expended as follows; All bombs dropped at R-105115 wooded area, containing 50 tanks, and vehicles.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 6. Gun emplacements,(flak guns),
c) Damaged, 3

17. Other claims; wooded area bombed, containing tanks and vehicles. Results unobserved.

4. (5). Operation No. A.O. 80 Armed Recce Missions.

A. (A.O. 80) 3 P-47s of 365th Squadron, each carrying 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs, dispatched at 1035 to perform armed recce, dollowing route of Base to Biche to Hagenau to Germersheim to Wissembourg to Base. Flak was scant, heavy, also moderate light at Wissembourg, and scant heavy and light at R-4025. 6 x 1000 # GP bombs dropped in Wissembourg with results of 6 bldgs destroyed. Strafed Niederlauterbach R-265415. Destroyed 1 M/T going E at R-192386. Starfed Obersiebach, R-185410, but no claims. No E/A encountered, no P-47s lost, however, 1 P-47 damaged, Cat 3, as a result of crash landing. T.O.T. 1115 to 1200 hours. Time down 1240 hours. Weather: 10/10ths target, deck - 9,000; few holes, breaking up toward base.

4 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1039 to go on A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Landau to target to base. T.O.T. was 1130-1145. 8 GPs dropped on 30 plus M/Ts which were spread through a small town at R-2737 bombs dis no damage. Flight then strafed andclaim 5 M/Ts destroyed and 2 damaged. 1 of M/Ts was a gas truck which blew up. 1 gas truck, 1 M/T, 1 armored car, and 1 tank (seen to burn) were des-

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troyed by strafing at R-2742. All of these vehicles were moving north and the tank was the only one seen in that area. 2 M/T facing SE at R-2939 were damaged by strafing. Flak: scant light at R-2737. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 9/10 with base at 1500 and tops 2000. Down 1240.

3 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1042 on A/R and D/B supply buildings at R-453689. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Zweibrucken to Pirmasens to Ingweiler to Hagenau to Wissembourg to base. T.O.T. was 1110-1210. The following observations of M/T were made; 10 trucks on road between Wissembourg and Lauterberg headed in both directions; 40 trucks in woods NW of Lauterberg; 30 trucks on road at R-2435 headed S;Flight could not bomb supply buildings due to adverse weather conditions. 6 GPs were dropped on town of Wissembourg - 2 failed to explode, 2 misses, and 2 landed in the town. The following claims are made from strafing; 6 trucks damaged at R-2648, 1 damaged at R-2543, 1 destroyed at R-2337, and 1 half track damaged at R-2137. Flak: moderate heavy and light at R-2343 and moderate heavy at Wissembourg. No losses. No e/a. Weather: 9/10 with base at 4,000 and tops at 10,000. Down 1240.

B. (i) 10 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 3 A/C dropped bombs in Wissembourg.
4 A/C dropped bombs on 30 plus M/Ts, in small town, R-2737.
3 A/C dropped bombs on town of Wissembourg.
3 A/C strafed Niederlauterbach R-265415; M/T going E at R-192386; strafed Obersiebach R-185410.
4 A/C strafed 5 M/Ts, gas truck, 1 M/T, 1 armored car at R-2742; 2 M/T facing SE at R-2939 were damaged.
3 A/C strafed the following;
R-2648, 6 trucks.
R-2543, 1 truck,
R-2337, 1 half track.
10 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged, in crashing on landing, category 3.
(viii) 10

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 23:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 9,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 20 - 1000# GP bombs, fused, nose -M103, tail M102A2)
(ii) 20 - 1000# GP bombs expended as follows;-
12 GPs on town of Wissembourg,
8 GPs on 30 plus M/Ts town at R-2737.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 16
c) Damaged, 5

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed 3

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 6

4. (6) Operation No.: A.C. 18. Special Mission. Armed Recce and Dive-Bombing missions.

A. 12 P-47s (4 a/c from each of the Squadrons, 365th, 366th and 367th) each a/c carrying 2 x 1000 # GP bombs, dispatched on armed recce and dive-bombing missions. Missions were recalled because of weather; (snow storm closed in). Take-off was 1340. Time down 1435 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C were recalled.
(iii) 12 A/C abortive, due to:- weather.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) Nil

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 8:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 1000# GP bombs, tail fused M114.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
24 - 1000# GP bombs returned to home base.

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G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

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THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374,
U. S. Army

23 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

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Oprep A No. 123 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 1043 on a close support mission with "Chowline" in vicinity of Munster. Sq. contacted Chowline and referred Sq. to Dramma" who assigned target 10 miles SE of Mulhouse - 5 cross roads. Sq. could not locate due to weather. 4-5/10 tops 9,000' enroute; 10/10 tops 9,000' over Mulhouse - Basle area; 6/10 tops 9,000' Colmar area. All bombs jettisoned safe in area V-9013. T.O.T.1110-1145, T.D. 1217.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) Nil
(iii) (a) 11 (b), (c) a nd (d) NIL
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. Instant , 8 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 22 x 500 " " 8 x 100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. H. and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 124 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Bales, took off at 1041 on a close support mission with "Chowline" or to hit alternate target, a RR Bridge at

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A. W-029391. "Chowline" referred Sq. to "Drama" who directed attack on C/R at V-7910. 16 x 500 and 5 x 100 WP dropped in target area - half were on target, NRO. Sq. also strafed at W-0565, a loco going S, claimed dam. 8/10 stratus 2-5,000', vis air ground 3-5 miles. T.O.T. 1115, T.D. 1230.

B. (i) 8 P-47's
(ii) 8 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 8

C. NIL

D. (i) 18:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 20,160 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,008 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 5 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) " " " " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1.

Oprep A No. 125 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1050 on a close support mission with "Chowline" and after mission perform armed recce in area V. Sq. contacted "Chowline" who referred Sq. to "Drama" who assigned RR cuts between Freiburg and Mulheim, however, not attacked due to weather. 10/10 clouds over Recce area with breaks over Rhine Valley E of Whittenheim (V-7314) 8 x 500 - 4 x 100 WP on RR at V-9012, NRO due weather. 16 x 500 and 7 x 100 WP on RR cars stationary at W-2169. 12 boxcars dest., 1 loco dam., 6 boxcars damaged, 3 railcuts, 2 bldgs. dest. Strafed at same location W-2169 - 1 loco damaged, 12 boxcars dam. T.O.T. 1120, T.D. 1315.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 30:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,560 " " "
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail. 11 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " 11 x 100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 2; 4. (A) 12; 9. (A) 2; 11. (A) 3.
(C) 18;

Oprep A No. 126 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Fisher, took off at 1335 on a close support mission with Kosher in the vicinity of Munster. Sq. contacted "Kosher D" who gave target of heavy gun, position at R/J (R-130102). 24 x 500 and 6 x 100 W.P, dropped on target. 20 x 500 and 5 x 100 WP in immediate vicinity of R/J, NRO. 2 x 100 WP jet. safe in woods V-5595. Intense accurate light flak encountered at R-1310, scant inaccurate heavy at R-1110. Weather over target was CAVU. In the Strassburg area 4/10 at 11,000'; Colmar area 10/10 at 4,000'. T.O.T. 1415-1430, T.D. 1455.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 15:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Ca l.
(ii) 240 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant, 8 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " 6 x 100 " "
(iii) 2 x 100 " "
(iv) Nil

G. H. and I NIL

Oprep A No. 127 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 1517 on a close support show with "Kosher" in the vicinity of Munster. "Kosher D" assigned target of tank concentration in woods at R-105115. 24 x 500 and 7 x 100 WP dropped in target area. All on target except 2 x 100 WP which missed area. 2 fires started, no other results observed due to weather. Intense accurate light and heavy flak encountered at R-1112 and R-1212. Overcast prevailed in target area. T.O.T. 1630, T.D. 1701.

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B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 21:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 160 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant, 7 x 100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " 7 x 100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. H. and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 128 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No 50 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster, took off at 1343 on a close support mission with "Chowline" in vicinity of Munster. Enroute to target 4 a/c became separated from Sq. and started to return to base because of weather. 1 P-47 dest for unknown reason. 8 x 500 and 4 x 100 jet. safe 3 miles W of Y-1. 2 x 500 - 1 x 100 WP lost with a/c. 4 a/c continued to target area, however, could not contact "Chowline". 8 x 500 and 3 x 100 WP dropped on Sasbach with NRO. 10/10 at 4-5,000' in Rhine Valley. T.O.T. 1400, T.D. 1445.

B. (i) 9 P-47's
(ii) 4 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (c) NIL, (d) 5-Other 1 late T.O. 4 circled Flight leader in an attemp to get a fix.
(iv) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "E" Crashed.
(viii) 4

C. NIL

D. (i) 9:00 Hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,680 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 2,520 " " "

F. (i) 18 x 500 M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 8 x 100 WP Instant.
(ii) 8 x 500 " " " " 3 x 100 " "
(iii) 8 x 500 " " " " 4 x 100 " "
(iv) 2 x 500 " " " " 1 x 100 " "

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Oprep A No. 128 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945, (Cont'd).

G. 1st Lt. Henry (NMI) Wieczorek 0-701215, crashed 8 miles SW of Ramberviller, France WV-2167, Pilot KIA

H. and I. NIL

Oprep A No. 129 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col Wright, took off at 1603 on a close support mission with "Kosher" in the vicinity of Munster. Sq. contacted "Kosher" who assigned two gun positions on E side of town Gebsheim V-8148. 18 x 500 dropped with 4 direct hits, 4 near misses. NRO. 2 x 500 jet at V-0780. Weak inaccurate light and heavy flak encountered at V-8147. 9/10 tops 8,000' with breaks. T.O.T. 1635-1640, T.D. 1724.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 2 - 1-Landing gear-would not retract. 1-Bomb release-malfunctioning.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. NIL

D. (i) 17:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 460 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. Instant.
(ii) 20 x 500 " "
(iii) 4 x 500 " "
(iv) Nil

G., H., and I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 130 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 52 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Delaney, took off at 1556 on a close support mission in the vicinity of Munster, or to hit alternate RR Bridge At W-029390. Sq. contacted "Kosher" who gave no target, so Sq. attacked alternate. 22 x 500 and 8 x 100 WP on RR Bridge at W-029390. 1 bridge damaged. Observation difficult due to weather. 10/10 4-6,000', vis good above. At Brisach - moderate inaccurate heavy flak encountered; at Freiburg - intense, inaccurate, light. T.O.T. 1640, T.D. 1718.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

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Oprep A No. 130 for 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945, (Cont'd).

C. NIL.

D. (i) 18:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. M103 Nose, M101A2 tail, 8x100 W.P. Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL.

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (C) 1.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 555

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1015 Time Down 2-1430 19-1315 Total Hours 76:55

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - GLIDE *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FIGHTER WG. 14-16 P'47.

3. Weather: OVERCAST Sc and Cu; TOPS ESTIMATED AT 9,000'

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	AIR SPARES.	23 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).		

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RR BRIDGE (W/R 351287), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Mission abortive due to weather.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	NO BOMBS DROPPED				NONE	8(SPARES). 4(ENG). 4(CRASH) 84(WEATHER).

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	4	R. ENGINE HIT BY FLAK.	R - 2424

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	51,200	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP(HEAVY)	ACCURATE	INTENSE	R-1015; R-1008; R-1508; R-2509; R-3028.

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C(B26045-42-107799) crash landed at SAVERNE L/G.	FLAK(R. ENGINE).	1 RG; 1 EG; both LW.
1 A/C(B26045-42-107724) crash landed in field 2 miles N. of base. (Both A/C transferred to 51st Service Squadron).	Left flaps did not come down and upon recovery R. engine did not respond.	1 P; K - 1 Cp; 1 RG both LW.
6 A/C returned damaged Cat. I.	FLAK	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) : NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 37 - 95.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 556

24-1325/1340

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1030 Time Down Total Hours 84:30

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - GLIDE b. Escorted by: 64TH FIGHTER WG. 20 P47(s.

3. Weather: OVERCAST Sc and Cu; TOPS ESTIMATED AT 9,000'.

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	AIR SPARE.		

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RR BRIDGE COMMUNICATION (M/R(W)R-351287), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED			NO BOMBS DROPPED	
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - c. Duration of Bomb Run

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - -	- -	- -	- -	- -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Mission abortive due to weather. - - - All bombs returned to base. - - - FLAK: Two ships dropped out of formation near HAGENAU and drew AA fire, but could not determine where it came from. No A/C lost or damaged due to flak.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No R|'d To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	NO BOMBS DROPPED				NONE	4(SPARE). 4(CRASH). 96(WEATHER).

Explosives Jettisoned : NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	49,950	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
			SEE PARA 6e.

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No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - -

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C (B26g5-43-34392) crash landed 2 miles S. of Base. A/C transferred to 51st Service Squadron.	Loss of power - left engine.	[redacted] 1 P -LW; 1 CP-SW; 1 B(OFF)-SW; 1N-SW; 1 AG-LW; 1 EG-SW; 1 RG - LW.

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) : NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 473

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 07:15 Time Down 11:35 Total Hours 9:00

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: None

3. Weather: Solid wall of altostratus rose from to of stratocumulus dect to estimated-

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
3 B-26's	Weather	None	

5. Target: (1) Speyer, Germany. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Supply dump (M) R- 520614	Langenstein (M) R-0770	No attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

Enroute- One squadron of three A/C ----------No attack

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

None due to weather.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	1/10 .025	24	None				None	24

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	8,475	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Corbin, Jr. 1st Lt. A.C.
FOR ASHLEY L. WOOLRIDGE,
LT. COL. AIR CORPS,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Jan 19 45 Mission No. 474

1. No. Off 53 B-26's Time Up 09:17 Time Down 11:37 Total Hours 156:50
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: None
3. Weather: Solid wall of altostratus rose from to of stratocumulus dect to estimated 17,000
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
53 B-26's	48 weather 1-Prop. 1-Oil leak 3-Engine	None	

5. Target: (1) Speyer, Germany. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad & Road bridge (W) R-521801	Mingolsheim (W) R-6270	No attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- Six squadrons of 9 A/C each.---------- No attack.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

None due to weather.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1, & inst.	212	None				None	212

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	153, 100	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

FOR ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE,
LT. COL. AIR CORPS,
COMMANDING.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 98 for 24 hours ending sunset, 22 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3656, TR/7/22/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1345-1545. To recce Saargemund-Saarbrucken-Buss area.
OBSERVATIONS: Bridge at Q-486623 and Q-487623 are out. Bridge at Q-485666 is intact. Bridge at Q-474696,&Bridge at Q-315754 are out. Bridges at Q-466703, Q-459705, and Q-459707 are intact, and have been travelled on. RR bridge at Q-437708 intact. Bridges at Q-363723, Q-348723, and Q-349731. Dam or locks at Q-348728 intact. RR bridge at Q-319753 intact. Saarbrucken M/Y empty. NMS Volklingen M/Y.
ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good.
TIME OVER AREA: 1405-1445. WEATHER: 2/10 5-6000' Saar basin.
B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attacking Saargemund-Buss.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION.....OPERATIONS NO. 3657, TR/14/22/14..ABORTIVE.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1420-1450.
B. (iii) Abortive due to (a) weather. (iv)-(viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 1 hour. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F? Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

22 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF: [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 129 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 22 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 333 TR/3/22/3

A. 2 F6Ds from 1305-1505. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NMS STRASBOURG-ENFELD. NMS Colmar. RR bridge Neunburg appears serviceable. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L Breisach. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1410. WEATHER: 9-10/10 top 6000-base 3500. Visibility unlimited.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 334 TR/6/22/6

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6D from 1400-1515. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NMS Pirmasens-Wissembourg. No observations at Wissembourg 8/10 top 4000. No activity observed on Rhine from Strasbourg to Lauterberg. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: H-S-I Q-9254. H-S-A R-2225 H-S-I Q-9854. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1455. WEATHER: Rhine River vis 5 mi N of Strasbourg. Wissembourg 8-9/10 at 4000 feet.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2:30 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: A.A. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO REC. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No. 297 for 24 hours ending sunset
22 January 1945

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

REF: 1/22/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 525 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 22 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 257.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 257 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 January 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
25 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 258.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 258 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 5, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1300 hours, 22 January 1945, Capt. Reiff leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 lb., 1 x 265 lb. frag. bombs on a road bridge at W-046353 with negligible results. 20 x 500 lb. G.P., 3 x 100 lb. W.P., 6 x 265 lb. frag. bombs were dropped on a railroad bridge at W-029391, 2 direct hits in the center of the bridge tore out a section. 2 railcuts were also scored, one on each side of the bridge. 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on the town of Denheim with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at Freiburg and W-029391. Time down at A-96, 1503 hours.
A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1359 hours, 22 January 1945, Capt. Bass leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 20x500 lb. G.P. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a town at R-1406, destroying 8 buildings. 4 x 500 lb. G.P. and 2 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were dropped on a small village at R-1712 with no damage observed. Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered at Kreistatt and R-1810. Time down at A-96, 1521 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1035 hours, 22 January 1945, Capt. Goode leading. 16 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1147 hours.
A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1109 hours, 22 January 1945, Lt. Sautter leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. Mission was uneventful. Intense, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at R-2232. Time down at A-96, 1220 hours.

DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 32 x P47D's.
2. 32.
3 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT I - Flak
8. 32 sorties.
C. 1. 12 x 150 gal. tanks.
17 x 75 gal. tanks.
2. 13 x 75 gal. tanks jettisoned.
D. 1. 56:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 60,800 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.
F. 1. 48 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
13 x 100 lb. W.P.
7 x 265 lb. Frag.
2. 48 x 500 lb.
13 x 100 lb.
7 x 265 lb.
3 and 4, None.
G and H, None.
I. Other Claims.
1 RR bridge damaged, 2 railcuts at W-029391.
8 buildings destroyed at R-1406.

ESCORT

B. 1. 30 x P47D's.
2. 28 completed mission.
3. 2
1-C-Rough engine.
1-C-Belly tank failure.
4 thru 7, None.
8. 28 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 34:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 57,000 x .50 cal.
None.
F, G, H, I, None.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
21 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending 21 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374
U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2594

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0920 down at 1045. Target, Woods at 0914. T.O.T. 1000, bomb run to 3000', 1 hit E & 1 hit W, 12 hits target area. Results unobserved. 4 A/C bombed Woods at R-105118. T.O.T. 1010, 8 hits in target, results unobserved due to weather. Moderate LAA & intense small arms at R-105118. Weather, snow at Saarbourg to Vosegs Mts. 7/10ths 3000' top. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. 2 A/C damaged on landing, Cat. #2. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Note 4 B	(i)	12
	(ii)	11
	(iii)c.	1
	(vii)	2 Cat. #2, Landing.
	(viii)	11
Note 5 D	(i)	15:35
Note 6 E	(i)	24,000
	(ii)	2,320
Note 7 F	(i)	24 x 500 lb GP
	(ii)	22 x 500 lb GP (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)

For the Group Commander:

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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22 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 21 January 1945.

2. Oprep No. 189.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

22 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET

1. Oprep A No. 122 for 24 hours ending Sunset 21 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature

FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gp Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing :

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Corbin Jr. 1882[illegible]
Signature

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ASHLEY E. WOOLRIDGE
Lt. Col., Air Corps,
Commanding.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 97 for 24 hours ending sunset, 21 January, '45.

No operations due to weather.

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For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

21 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 128 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 21 January 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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Form 34A.

TO: H.Q., Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION Lt. SOU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

Oprep "A" No: 296 for 24 hours ending sunset
21 January 1945

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FORM 34A

To: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

From: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 1/31/45 S [redacted]

OPERP A No. 524 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 21 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major A C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SS)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 261.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 261 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 January 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

HEADQUARTERS
50th FIGHTER GROUP (SS)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 262.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 262 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took offfon a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1448 hours, 26 January 1945, Lt. Floyd leading. 16 P47D's took off, 3 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 lb. G.P., and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs on a target concealed by woods at Holtzwiler, V-765460. All bombs fell in the target area and explosions followed by billowing red smoke. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed here. 2 x 500 lb. G.P. and 1 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe at U-5824. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Colmar. Time down at A-96, 1636 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1507 hours, 26 January 1945, Capt. Goode leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. G.P., 7 x 100 lb. W.P., and 4 x 265 lb. Frag. bombs on the town of Mikerschwihr, V-778452. Bombing results were excellent. 6 buildings were destroyed, 4 buildings were damaged, 2 large explosions were produced and many fires were raging through the town, 1 roadblock was scored, 1 large tank was strafed and damaged at V-780460. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1700 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1525 hours, 26 January 1945, Lt. Savides leading. 11 P47D's took off and aborted due to weather. Intense haze from take-offf to landing. 22 x 500 lb. G.P. and 6 x 100 lb. W.P. bombs were jettisoned safe in an open field at Q-7610. No flak was encountered. Time down at Y-1, 1700 hours.

B. 1. 41 x P47D.
2. 27 completed mission.
3. 14
11-A-Weather.
2-C-Radio out.
1-D-Lost Flight.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 2 aircrfft damaged on landing-CAT III, CAT I.
8. 27 sorties.

C. 1. 7 x 75 gallons tank.
2. 7.

D. 1. 80:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 77,900 x .50 cal.
2. 17,075.
3. None.

F. 1. 66 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
20 x 100 lb. W.P.
4 x 265 lb. frag.
2. 42 x 500 lb.
13 x 100 lb.
4 x 265 lb.
3. 24 x 500 lb.
7 x 100 lb.
4. None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On the Ground.
1 M/T destroyed at V-765460.
6 buildings destroyed at V-778455.
4 " damaged " "
1 road block at "
1 large tank damaged at V-780460.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
26 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 26 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2605

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1430 down at 1610. Target, town of Mertzwiller at Q-9630. T.O.T. 1510, bomb run to 3000', 10 hits in area, town left smoking. 2 A/C got off late, couldn't catch flight, jettisoned bombs at Q-390125, safe. Flight strafed MT at R-3450, 15 damaged. Scant LAA at R-3450, intense HAA in Hagenau forest at R-1327. Weather CAVU at target, north of target 10/10ths at 7500'. Bombs exp: 8 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 500 lb Phos.

Mission 2606

9 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1515 down at 1625. Target, tanks at R-157183. 7 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 1540, bomb run to 1000', 12 hits in town, 2 hits N. of town, results 1 road block, 5 buildings destroyed & 3 damaged. 1 A/C bombed at R-165136 at 1537, results unobserved. 1 A/C with hung bombs on first run bombed at R-205205, results unobserved. Moderate HAA at target & R-165136, intense LAA same places. Scant HAA at R-056276 & Zweibrucken. Flight recced route #2. Weather, Kaiserlautern to target 5/10ths at 15,000', target area 5/10ths - 8/10ths from 9000' to 10,000'. 2 A/C damaged, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 500 lb Phos.

Note 4 B	(i)	16	
	(ii)	14	
	(iii)d.	2	
	(vii)	2	Cat. #1, Flak
	(viii)	16	
Note 5 D	(i)	23:20	
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000	
	(ii)	7,740	
Note 7 F	(i)	24 x 500 lb GP	
		8 x 500 lb Phos	
	(ii)	22 x 500 lb GP	
		6 x 500 lb Phos	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		2 x 500 lb Phos	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP EG/5
APO 374 U.S. Army

27 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 194 for the period ending Sunset 26 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 16 and A.O. 17. Close Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance Missions.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 500 lb GPs and 1 x 500 lb Incendiary, dispatched at 1255 on C/S and A/R. Route flown: Base to Bitche, flew around, Pirmasens, target to the base. Squadron called "Baggage" and were then told to go to "Elite" area. Then "Baggage" called and turned the Squadron over to "Baby" for Egg-Basket. "Baby" had us work with "Blunder" for a few minutes but then turned squadron back to "Baby". Believed bombs dropped at R-8020. -- 8 x 500 G.P. and 4 x 500 incendiary,(low on gas) NRO. Believe "Egg-basket" to have been at R-2632 -- 16 x 500 GP and 7 x 500 Incendiary. NRO. Time over target 1320-1440. Flak: Nil. E/A Nil. Weather: Base to Saarburg very hazy, visibility 3-4 miles, Rhine Valley, 10/10 base unknown, tops 15,000 visibility in overcast 1/4 mile. Time down 1455.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron each A/C carrying 2 x 500 GPs and 1 x 500 incendiary dispatched at 1353 on Close cooperation to Half-Bake at Saverne, alternate to target town of Bettenhoffen (R-103098) and A/R, Offenburg, Emmendingen, Neuf Brisach. Route flown: Base to Saverne to Bouxviller to Uhrweiler, (R-8831) at direction of Half Bake King. Town strafed several times. 10 buildings destroyed, plus inestimable damage, fire started and 4 MTs damaged by strafing. 4 GPs and 1 incendiary missed target. 2 GPs and 1 incendiary returned by abortive A/C, hydraulic. E/A nil. Flak: Scant,inaccurate

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heavy, Druisheim. Time over target: 1425-1500. Road bridge at Drusishein out. Half Bake requested recce and given information. Barges in this area were crossing river. Other barges on both banks. 1 tank and 2 armored vehicles headed north just outside of Druisheim. 3-4 tanks in the town, this information given to Half Bake. Weather: 8/10s clouds, base 8,000, visibility 10-15 miles. Time down 1645.

11 P-47s of 365th Squadron A/C carrying a total of 29 x 500# GPs and 4 x 500# incendiary, dispatched at 1410 on C/C and A/R. Route flown: Base to Saverne, Zinswiller, (O-892375), to base. Squadron contacted Half-Bake King and were vectored to town of Zinswiller, O-892375. 9 x 500 lb GP and 3 x 500 incendiary dropped in NE part of town, on main roads. Fires and smoke in town. Also strafed. Otherwise NRO. Town of Engweiler, O-910315, already smoking and burning, hit by 11 x 500 GP and 1 x 500 incendiary, NRO. 9 x 500 GPs returned to base by 3 abortives (2 radio and 1 escort). Time over target 1455-1600. E/A nil. Flak: O-9935 heavy, scant. Weather: Scattered clouds above 10,000 visibility excellent. Time down 1640.

B. (i) 35 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
R-8020,
R-2632.
11 A/C dropped bombs on town of Uhrweiler, O-8831.
11 A/C strafed town of Uhrweiler, several times.
8 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Town of Zinsweiler, O-892375, NE part of town, main roads. Also strafed town.
Town of Engweiler, O-910315.
31 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 4 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 3 mechanical; 1 a/c hydraulic; 2 /a/c radio.
d) 1 a/c escort.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 31

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 79:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 84,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 17,420 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 77 - 500 lb GP bombs, fused - tail M113.
27 - 500 lb incendiary bombs, fused nose-M103; tail M101A2.
(ii) 66 - 500 lb GPs and 26 - 500 lb incendiary bombs expended;
9 GPs and 3 incendiarys dropped on town of Zinswiller,
11 GPs and 1 incendiary dropped on town of Engweiler.
8 GPs and 4 incendiarys dropped at R-8020.
16 GPs and 7 incendiarys dropped at R-2632.
22 GPs and 11 incendiarys dropped on town of Uhrweiler.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
11 - 500 lb GP bombs returned to base.
1 - 500 lb incendiary bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 4

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 10

17. Other claims;
Town damaged.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

27 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

REF : SECRET
Oprep A No. 136 for 24 hours ending Sunset 26 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47, XII TAC.

A. The 406th Squadron led by Lt. Col. Delaney, took-off at 1527 on a close support show with "Halfbake" or to hit alternate target, a Barracks at R-326688. "Halfbake send Squadron to alternate target. 24 x 500 G.P. and 8 x 100 WP dropped on target, R-326688, 1 fire started. 2 buildings, destroyed, 3 damaged. Scant, inaccurate heavy flak encountered at R-2028. 10/10 3-6,000' enroute, 10/10 at 12,000' over target, visibility excellent. T.O.T. 1555, T.D. 1703.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) to (vi) NIL.
(vii) 1 P-47D Cat. "A", Other - damaged on runway.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 24:15 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 30,240 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,968 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
8 x 100 WP Instantaneous.
(ii) 24 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
8 x 100 WP Instantaneous.
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

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Oprep A No. 137 for 24 hours ending Sunset 26 January 1945.
Mission or Operati No. 50, XII TAC.

A. The 404th Squadron led by Lt. Fisher took-off at 1535 on a close support mission with "Pelican" in the Bitche area. Squadron contacted "Pelican" who requested recce area N of Bitche. 12 x 500 and 3 x 100 on RR bridge at Q-819493. Approximately 20 boxcars nearby in 2 sections, no locos seen. 4 near misses, 2 direct hits, 6 misses. 1 Railcut, 4 boxcars damaged. Strafed boxcars at target - 10 damaged. 6 x 500 and 3 x 100 jettisoned safe at Q-2711 due to overcast. Weather was CAVU at target; 10/10 500'-7,000' enroute; 10/10 15,000' E of Bitche. Weak inaccurate light flak encountered at Q-819493. T.OT. 1615, T.D. 1707.

B. (i) 9 P-47's.
(ii) 6 P-47's.
(iii) (a) 3. (b) Nil. (c) Nil. (d) Nil.
(iv) to (vi) NIL.
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat. "A", Other - damaged on runway.
(viii) 6.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 10:30 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 18,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,500 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 18 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
6 x 100 WP, Instant.
(ii) 12 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
3 x 100 WP, Instant.
(iii) 6 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
3 x 100 WP, Instant.
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

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For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 26 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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Assistant Adjutant.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 26 Jan 1945 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Korbin, Jr.
Signature

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W. L. KORBIN, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 102 for 24 hours ending sunset, 26 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3665,TR/15/26/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1430-1700. To recce Strassbourg-Seltz-Soultz-Drusenheim-Haguenau area. OBSERVATIONS: 150 plus MT mvg. south and some of them stationary facing south Seltz-Drusenheim, scattered. 100 plus infantry in streets of Drusenheim, about 75 of them were marching east toward Rhine. 2/3 of bridge across Rhine at Drusenheim intact. Bridgesat R-276 277, and R-291320 are out. 4 MT south in town Soultz-sous-forets. 8 MT west, scattered R-2025-R-0726..road appears to have been heavily travelled on. Mission was then ~~repeated~~ ordered to return to base by controller. (The 150 MT were called into the Controller after the mission had been ordered home--flew on deck to the Rhine valley, and also back to Lunneville where it was forced to land.) ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate and Heavy-scant-accurate from Seltz-Drusenheim. Heavy-scant-accurate at a point NE of Haguenau. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515-1545. WEATHER: 9/10 at 1000' base to Saverne, 7/10 7-8000' Rhine valley, vis. 6-8 miles.

B.(i)2 F6C's.(ii)2 attackingStrassbourg-Haguenau.(iii)-(vii)Nil.(viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION

OPERATIONS NO. 3666, TR/13/26/7. ABORTIVE

A. ~~2 XX XI~~ 1 F6 C from 1510-1550.
B. Mission abortive due to (iii),d.,Weaver craked up on take-off, and leader returned to base and landed.
C. Nil. D. 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) adn (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. DENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

26 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 133 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 26 January 1945.

No Missions Flown this Date.

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 54A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" NO:301 for 24 hours ending sunset
26 January 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

DATE: 1/26/45 [redacted]

OPERATIONS No. 529 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 26 January 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 263.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 263 for 24 hours ending sunset the 27 and 28th January 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted:

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
27 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 27 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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28 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 27 January 1945.

2. Oprep No. 195.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis
JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U.S. Army

28 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

REF : SECRET

Oprep A No. 138 for 24 hours ending Sunset 27 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 27 JAN. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - WEATHER OVER TARGET.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Gropp Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 27 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point.	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Korbin, Jr.
Signature

W. L. KORBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 103 for 24 hours ending sunset,27 Jan.,'45. SECRET.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

27 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : SECRET

OPREP A NO. 184 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 27 January 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 302 for 24 hours ending sunset
27 January 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov) APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: January 27, 1945. [redacted]

OPREP A No 530 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 27 January, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, C.
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE) E-I-5

APO 374, U.S. ARMY
1 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 264.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat Officer.

Oprep A No. 264 for 24 hours ending sunset 29 January 1945.
Operations Order No. AO- 2,3,5,6,45,46, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0856 hours, 29 January 1945, Lt. Scott leading, 15 P47D's took off. 2 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 20 x 500, 7 x 100 WP, 4 x 265 frag bombs on 4 tiger tanks, 3 half tracks, 4 (6x6) trucks and completely destroyed them at Q-9365. Squadron strafed 20 plus horse drawn vehicles and personnel headed East at Q-985630, 5 horse drawn vehicles were damaged, 1 road block scored and 2 trucks full of personnel were destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, light small arms fire encountered at Q-0060. Time down at A-96, 1058 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Fighter Sweep Mission from A-96 at 1559 hours, 29 January 1945, Major Riggin leading, 12 P47D's took off. 1 aircraft aborted. Much friendly activity was observed. Squadron strafed MUNTZENHEIM, V-805447, starting 2 fires and damaging 2 M/T. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1726 hrs.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0856 hrs, 29 January 1945, Lt. Hutchings leading, 14 P47D's took off. 3 aircraft aborted. Squadron was instructed to EGG BASKET on BADEN BADEN. 18 x 500, 4 x 100 WP bombs were dropped through the overcast with onobserved results. 2 x 500 bombs were returned to the base. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at FREISTATT. Time down at A-96, 1110 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1610 hours, 29 January 1945, Lt. Billar leading, 8 P47D's took off. 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb bombs on the town of HERRLISHEIM, R-125145, 1 road block was scored and 10 bldgs destroyed. Squadron strafed 10 tiger tanks in fields at R-118130, 1 tank was destroyed, 6 tanks damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-125145. Time down at A-96, 1715 hours. (2 x 500 lb bombs were jettisoned safe in a Lake at U-5823).

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A. One squadron of Group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1249 hours, 29 January 1945, Major MacDonald leading, (10th), 13 P47D's took off. 1 aircraft aborted. Escort Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1523 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1249 hours, 29 January 1945, Major Johnston leading, 16 P47D's took off plus 1 spare. Spare did not complete mission. Escort Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1501 hours.

DIVE BOMB

B. 1. 37 x P47D
2. 31
3. 6- 3 oil leaks
1 landing gear failure
1 emergency release open
1 fuel gauge out
4 thru 7 nil.
8. 32 Sorties.

C. 17 x 75 gal tanks carried.
3 x 75 gal tanks jettisoned.

D. 64 hours x P47D
2. None.

E. 1. 70,300 rds x 50 cal.
2. 22, 872 expended.

F. 1. 50 x 500, 30 GP inst, 20 FDX inst.
11 x 100 WP
4 x 265 Frag.

2. 46 x 500
11 x 100
4 x 265

3. 2 x 500

4. 2 x 500 returned.

G.H. nil.

ESCORT

B. 1. 30 x P47D
2. 28
3. 2- 1 rough engine
1 spare
4 thru 7 nil.
8. 28 Sorties.
C. none.
D. 64 hours.
E. 57, 000 rds
2. none.
F,G,H,I, nil.

FIGHTER SWEEP

B. 1. 12 x P47D
2. 11
3. 1- oil leak.
4 thru 7 nil
8. 11 sorties
C. None
D. 17 hours.
E. 22,800 rds x 50 cal.
2. 1, 280 expended.

F,G,H, nil

I. 2 M/T dam. at
V- 805447.

I. Other claims on ground.
4 tanks, 3 half tracks; 4 (6x6) trucks destroyed at Q-9365.
5 H/D vehicles damaged, 2 trucks destroyed at Q-985630.
1 road block at Q-985630.
10 bldgs destroyed at R-125145.
1 road block at R-125145.
1 tiger tank destroyed, 6 damaged at R-118130.

For the Group Commander:

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Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
29 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 29 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2607

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0900 down at 1035. Target, Offenburg M/Y. T.O. T. 1015, bomb run to 600', 2 Incd. in building believed repair shops, building destroyed, 4 hits in yards, 4 hits into town, 2 hits W. of town. Results, 3 fires in M/Y, 1 fire in town 1 building destroyed. 5 A/C strafed M/Y, 20 boxcars damaged. Weather: Strausbourg & Savern, CAVU, base 8/10ths 4500' to 5000'. 1 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 8 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 500 lb Incd.

Mission 2608

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0955 down at 1130. Target, town of Bzschwihr at (V-7844), 8 hits in town, results, 10 buildings destroyed. Flight recced from V-7845 to V-7544. Flight made two strafing passes at V-588382, 10 horses killed, 1 building damaged. Weather, 9/10ths, 5500', enroute CAVU at target & Colmar Valley. T.O.T. 1045. 3 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at V-6747. 1 A/C returned early, bombs returned to base. Bombs exp: 6 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 500 lb Incd.

Mission 2609

10 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1035 down at 1215. Target, troop concentration at V-832469, T.O.T. 1125, bomb run to 1500', 4 hits in target area, 6 hits N. of target at V-834485. 2 Incd. W. of woods & 6 misses. Results unobserved. Flight strafed woods at V-845485, no results observed. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at V-1597. Moderate small arms fire at V-845485. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 500 lb Incd.

Mission 2610

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1150 down at 1320. Target, Munzenheim at V-802445. T.O.T. 1210, bomb run to 2000' with 2 hits in building in target area, destroying 1 building, 4 hits in town, results unobserved. 10 hits S. of town. Strafed in dive. Flight recced town of Essenheim. Flight strafed woods at V-800535 & V-802553, results unobserved. Scant HAA at V-865473, scant inaccurate LAA at V-802553. Weather 2/10ths to 4/10ths, 3000' to 5000', Mts. W. of Colmar. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2611

18 P-47s of 315th & 316th Fighter Squadrons on Bomber Escort mission up at 1335 down at 1540. 3 A/C returned early. Rendezvous bombers at 1420. No incident, no AA. Weather 8/10ths base 10,000' from Q-0167 to target, CAVU base to Saverne.

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Mission 2612

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1420 down at 1530. Target, Inf. & Self Propelled guns at V-834474 & V-834463. T.O.T. 1450, bomb run to 800', 4 hits in woods at V-834474 causing brown smoke, 4 hits W. of woods, 2 hits at V-826468, 4 hits at V-834463, results unobserved. Scant accurate HAA at V-745420, scant inaccurate HAA at V-835432. Weather 4/10ths to 5/10ths from 4500' to 5000' W. of Colmar. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP

Mission 2613

9 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1600 down at 1730. Target, town of Helighsons at V-730345. T.O.T. 1645, bomb run to 4000', 4 hits SW edge of town, 3 buildings destroyed, 2 hits in center of town, 2 buildings destroyed, 8 hits S. of town 2 bombs hung, dropped at V-672287. Results 3 buildings destroyed, 2 hung bombs dropped at V-6042, no results observed. Scant accurate HAA at V-805446 & target. Moderate inaccurate LAA at V-672287. Weather 8/10ths, 3000' to 4000' in mts. W. of Colmar. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2614

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on Fighter Sweep up at 1620 down at 1750. Strafed woods at V-817465. T.O.T. 1705, results , saw hits in good pattern in area & pits. 2 A/C strafed between V-858515 & V-851462, destroyed 3 horse drawn vehicles. Scant HAA at Neuf Breisach. Scant LAA at V-815310. Weather CAVU, Rhine Valley.
Note: 2 A/C took off at 1545, mission cancelled, jettisoned bombs.
Bombs exp: 4 x 500 lb Incd.

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	49	
	(ii)	45	
	(iii)c.	4	
	(viii)	45	
Note 5 D	(i)	68;50	
Note 6 E	(i)	98,000	
	(ii)	28,650	
Note 7 F	(i)	84 x 500 lb GP	
		14 x 500 lb Incd.	
	(ii)	76 x 500 lb GP	
		10 x 500 lb Incd.	
	(iii)	6 x 500 lb GP	
		2 x 500 lb Incd.	4 x 500 lb Incd (per note at end of 3 A)
		(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP and 2 x 500 lb Incd. to base)	

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS, 29 JANUARY 1945.

Note 4 B	(i)	18
	(ii)	15
	(iii)c.	1
	d.	2
	(viii)	15
Note 5 D	(i)	32:55
Note 6 E	(i)	36,000

FIGHTER SWEEP MISSIONS, 29 JANUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	12
	(ii)	12
	(viii)	12
Note 5 D	(i)	17:20
Note 6 E	(i)	24,000
	(ii)	4,000

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzle
JACK H. KUNZLE
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Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

31 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 197 for the period ending Sunset 29 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 24, and 25. Armed Reconnaissance Missions.

a. (A.O. 15) 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched on A/R at 0800. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GPs and 1 x 260 lb Frags. Route flown was base to 20 miles N of Karlsruhe to Pirmasens to base. T.O.T. was 0835-0955. 40 trucks seen heading N at G-8155 or G-7955 in woods and 10 trucks headed S at R-0527. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped on 10 trucks at R-2427 and strafed. Smoke prevented observation of results. 2 GPs and 1 Frag dropped on camouflaged buildings near oil wells at R-0738 - NRO. 2 GPs and 1 Frag on 15 trucks headed E and W at R-0735 - missed, but 5 destroyed and 10 damaged by strafing. 2 GPs and 1 Frag on RR overpass at R-085361 - NRO. 2 GPs and 1 Frag dropped on light flak positions at R-085331 - bombs seen to land in positions but NRO. 2 GPs and 1 Frag on 4 trucks headed E at R-1239 - missed with 1 truck damaged by strafing. 4 GPs and 3 Frags dropped on Soultz at R-1037 - NRO. 2 GPs on road bridge over RR at R-085370 - missed bridge but cut tracks. 2 GPs on 8 to 10 buildings at R-095375 - near miss. 1 Frag on 2 M/T - 1 destroyed by direct hit at R-0934. 2 trucks strafed and destroyed at R-0934. 1 staff car headed SW at R-0938 - claimed damaged. Flak: light intense at G-8155 (Soultz) and at R-0940; moderate light at R-085331; and intense light and weak heavy at R-2427. Losses: Lt. Wayham spun in after reporting over the R/T that he would try to bail out at U-6018. His plane had been hit by flak 2 miles NW of Soultz. No claims are made for Lt. Wayhams's bombs - they were released in enemy territory. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 with base to 3 to 4,000 ft and tops at 4 to 5,000 ft with visibility below 2 miles. Down: 1010.

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(A.O. 16) 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 1203 on A/R. Each a/c carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Sarreguemines to Rastatt to Speyer to Landau to Wissembourg to base. T.O.T. was 1240-1340. 20 to 30 stationary, snow covered boxcars seen at R-4057. 12 GPs on pontoon bridge at R-4555 - 6 direct hits destroyed 5 of the 12 pontoons. 24 GPs on pontoon bridge at R-4657 - 3 misses damaged 2 of the 7 pontoons. 2 trucks destroyed and 5 damaged by strafing of a convoy of 15 plus trucks headed E at R-4258 and R-4261. 3 barges strafed and damaged at R-4658. 1 M/D vehicle destroyed by strafing at R-4258. Flak: weak heavy at Karlsruhe, Germersheim, and at R-4674; weak light and heavy over Speyer. No losses; no e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 N of Speyer; elsewhere - 9/10ths with base at 2,000, tops 5,000 and visibility below 15 miles. Down 1400.

(A.O. 17) 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched on A/R. at 1830. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb SAP bombs and 11 carried 1 x 500 lb GP bomb. Route flown was base to Wissembourg to Karlsruhe to Landau to Speyer to Mannheim to Worms to Heppenheim to Heidelberg to base. T.O.T. was 1600-1715. Some traffic was seen between Heidelberg and Wemheim. 8 to 10 barges were seen on the Rhine at M-5202. 4 SAPs dropped on M/Y at Frankenthal, M-4505, with 2 bombs in yard and 2 on a factory adjoining the yard (100 box cars in the yard) - 3 cars destroyed and yard damaged. 2 SAP's and 1 GP on 8 to 10 barges at M-4516 - NRO. 2 SAP and 1 GP on M/Y at Worms, which contained 125 to 150 cars (no locos and some of the cars had snow on them) M/Y claimed damaged. 8 SAPs and 2 GPs dropped on 6 coaches and loco with steam up headed NW at M-6402. Coaches and loco claimed damaged by 6 near misses. 2 GPs dropped on train headed E consisting of loco and 15 box & flat cars at M-6402 - loco damaged by near miss and 1 direct hit destroyed 1 car and damaged another. 6 SAPs and 4 GPs dropped on M/Y at M-5005, containing 150 cars, 30 to 40 with snow on top but no locos - no claims in yard as all bombs hit in the town. 1 GP on RR bridge at M-5005 missed. The following claims are made from strafing: 1 truck destroyed at M-6524, loco damaged at M-6706, 1 staff car damaged at M-6702, truck damaged at R-6795, 1 truck destroyed at M-5523, 2 trucks damaged at M-5225, and 2 trucks damaged at M-5217. Flak: weak, heavy at Worms and Frankenthal; weak, light at M-4516, and weak, light, and heavy at M-5817. 1 a/c damaged by flak: Cat 1. No ea seen. Weather: 10/10 with base at 3 to 4,000 ft and tops 5,000 ft. Visibility 2 to 3 miles beneath. Down 1730.

(A.O. 19) 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched on A/R at 0838. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs and 7 carried 1 x 100 lb WP bombs. 1 a/c aborted (pilot) and returned to base with 2 GPs and 1 WP. Route flown was base to Strassbourg to Eutingen (R-7587) to base. T.O.T. was 1015. Loco and 12 cars moving S at W-1282 and loco and 20 cars moving S at W-0465 - "Baggage" advised. M/Y at Offenburg full. 2 a/c recced area 10 miles E of Strassbourg. 10 GPs and 4 WPs on 50 cars in M/Y at W-770873, of which 5 GPs and 2 WPs hit in the yard resulting in destruction of 1 car and 1 loco

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destroyed and M/Y damaged. 8 GPs and 1 WP on train moving E at W-760878 - 1 direct hit cut train in two and destroyed 2 cars. 2 GPs and 1 WP on train of 15 cars in the vicinity of Achern (R-2503). 1 car destroyed. 1 GP and 1 WP hit buildings adjoining track causing an explosion and smoke up to 2,000 ft and destroying 1 building. 1 M/T destroyed by strafing in this area. No flak; no losses; no e/a seen. Weather: haze with base at 2,000 ft and tops 5,000 ft with visibility 2 miles. Down: 1054.

(A.O. 20) 10 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1222 to go on A/R. Each a/c carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Hagenau to Karlsruhe to Eppingen to Gr. Sachsenhem to Baden-Baden to base. Weather prevented completion of assigned recce area. T.O.T. 1350. The squadron worked with "Baggage" and "Half Bake" during the mission. Were unable to contact "Brutus Green" ("Pineapple") for target as directed by "Baggage". 9 GPs dropped on radar station in the vicinity of Eppingen (R-8560) - NRO due to weather. 3 GPs on RR bridge vicinity of Eppingen - hit target but bounced off - no claim. 9 GPs on town in vicinity of Gr. Sachsenhem (R-9742) - 5 buildings destroyed. 7 GPs on 15 box cars in small M/Y vicinity of Gr. Sachsenhem - NRO, but 15 cars damaged by strafing. 2 GPs on radar station on air field at Gr. Sachsenhem - believed to have missed. Station was damaged by strfing and 1 M/T on field was destroyed. The following claims are made from strafing: 10 light tanks on flat cars vicinity of Gr. Sachsenhem, 2 snowplows damaged in same area, 2 M/Ts destroyed in vicinity of Eppingen (R-8560), 1 half track, 2 moving vans, 1 staff car destroyed in vicinity of Eppingen. Poor weather prevented accurate pinpointing of targets and of results of attacks. Flak: nil; no losses; no e/a seen. Weather: 6 to 9/10 clouds, base 2,000 - 6,000, tops, 3,000 - 7,000. Visibility 4 to 5 miles below the cloud. Down 1420.

(A.O. 21) 16 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1539 to go on A/R. Each a/c carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Hagenau to Karlsruhe to Bertten to Horb (W-7083) to Offenburg to base. T.O.T. was 1630-1645. M/Y at Lahr (W-1171) was observed to be about half full. 12 GPs dropped on loco and 10 passenger cars moving E at Horg (W-7183) - no hits, but 1 car was destroyed, and loco and 9 cars were damaged by strafing. Misses destroyed 1 building and damaged 2. 1 M/T was strafed and damaged at this point. 12 GPs dropped on loco and 50 cars in M/Y at W-770873 - all bombs hit in yard destroying 10 cars, damaging 10 cars, and damaging the yard. 12 GPs dropped on 35 freight cars at Horb M/Y (W-7083) - direct hits among 10 tank cars started fires destroying all the cars. 3 locos were damaged and 3 box cars were destroyed by the bombs. 15 box cars were damaged by strafing. Strafed 25 freight cars in small M/Y at W-6881 damaging 1 loco and 12 cars. 6 GPs on loco at W-710866 - misses cut RR in 2 places and loco was damaged by strafing. 6 GPs on 15-20 cars in M/Y at W-730875 - good hits in the yard destroyed 4 cars and damaged 10. Loco was damaged by strafing. No flak; no losses; no e/a seen. Weather: 6/10 clouds with base at 1500, tops 3,000 ft and visibility 6 miles below the clouds. Down 1743.

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(A.O. 24) 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0810 hours to conduct A/R. of route No. 6. Squadron carried 22 x 500 lb GPs and 9 x 100 lb WPs. 1 a/c aborted due to oil leak, and returned 2 GPs and 1 WP to base. Route flown was base to Homburg to Pirmasens to Bitche to base. Reconnaissance was not completed because of weather. Squadron was in target area 0905-1000 hors. 4 GPs and 2 WPs were dropped on M/Y at Q-9993, which contained 300 box cars. Claims are three cars destroyed, 10 cars damaged, and 1 M/Y damaged. 2 GPs and 1 WP were dropped on 30 box cars standing at R-020625 - 4 cars were destroyed by bombs, and 15 damaged by strafing. 4 gps and 2 WPs dropped on M/Y at Pirmasens, containing 75 - 100 box cars, but no activity - NRO. 4 GPs and 2 WPs were dropped on buildings at Q-9064, resulting in 4 buildings destroyed by direct hits. 6 GPs and 1 WP dropped on "Pineapple" target at R-4958, M/Ts in town; 1 M/T destroyed and fire started. "Pineapple" gave another target, 8 - 10 M/Ts at R-4057 going S, camouflaged with branches - 6 are claimed damaged by strafing. 1 M/T destroyed and 4 box cars damaged by strafing at Q-9754 (75 cars and 1 locomotive at this point). Other observations on mission included: roads S and E of Pirmasens apparently well used; 1 M/T and 1 half truck moving S at Q-8461. No e/a encountered. Flak: meagre heavy and light at Q-9993; intense heavy and light at Pirmasens; and moderate light and meagre heavy at R-4958. No losses. Weather: 10/10, 4,000 to 5,000 ft, visibility 3 miles below. Down 1050.

(A.O. 25) 9 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched on A/R at 1150. Each a/c carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saargemines to Pirmasens to base. Alschbach PW camp seen with big letters "P W C" at W-6471. Observed 15 M/Ts and 6 H/D vehicles headed NW into Bousewiller at Q-8058. 12 GPs dropped on Bousseviller after the above mentioned M/Ts were reported in over the R/T by Lt. Stone (who later bellied in) - other pilots did not see these M/T. 2 buildings destroyed and 2 damaged with 1 road block - NRO. 15 GPs dropped on 40 box cars at Q-6569 - NRO on bombs but 6 cars were damaged by strafing. 3 M/Ts damaged by strafing at Q-8067. Flak: scant heavy at Bitche, intense light at Q-8058, and moderate light at Q-8067. 1 P-47 damaged by flak, hit at Q-8058 - bellied in at Saarunion with pilot safe, Cat. 3. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10. Supplemental: Pilot Lt. Stone who bellied in Saarunion yesterday (29 January) returned 30 January, reports 5 M/Ts destroyed by bombing and strafing at Q-8058, and 10 horses killed.

B. (i) 93 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
R-2427 - 10 trucks - also strafed
R-0738 - buildings - also strafed
R-0735 - trucks headed N & W - also strafed
R-085361 - RR overpass
R-085331 - light flak position
R-1239 - 4 trucks headed N - also strafed

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R-1037 - Scultz
R-085370 - RR bridge
R-095375 - 8 - 10 buildings
R-0934 - 2 M/Ts - also strafed
R-0938 - staff car strafed

12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
R-4555 - pontoon bridge
R-4657 - pontoon bridge

12 A/C strafed the following:
R-4258 & R-4261 - 7 M/Ts
R-4658 - 3 barges
R-4258 - 1 H/D vehicle

12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
M-4505 - M/Y at Frankenthal
M-4615 - Highway bridge
M-4615 - 8 - 10 barges
Worms - M/Y
M-6402 - 6 coaches & loco headed NW
loco & 15 box cars headed E
M-5005 - M/Y & RR bridge

12 A/C strafed the following:
M-6524 - 1 truck
M-6706 - 1 loco
M-6702 - 1 staff car
R-6795, M-5523, M-5225, M5217 - 6 M/Ts

10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
W-770373 - M/Y with 50 cars
W-760878 - train moving E
R-2503 - train of 15 cars

10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
R-8560 - radar station
Eppingen - RR bridge
R-9742 - 5 buildings
Gr Sachsenhem - 15 box cars in small M/Y
Gr Sachsenhem air field - radar station - also strafed

10 A/C strafed the following:
Gr Sachsenhem air field - 1 M/T
Vicinity of Gr Sachsenhem - 10 light tanks on flat cars
2 snow plows
Vicinity of Eppingen (R-8560 - 1 half track, 2 moving vans, 1 staff car

16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
W-7183 (Horb) loco & 10 cars moving E - also strafed
W-770873 - M/Y loco and 50 cars
W-7083 (Horb) - 35 freight cars in M/Y

16 A/C strafed the following:
W-7183 - 1 M/T
W-6881 - 25 freight cars in small M/Y
W-710886 - loco - also bombed
W-730875 - 15-20 cars in M/Y - also bombed plus loco

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10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
Q-9993 - M/Y with 300 box cars
R-020625 - 30 box cars - also strafed
Pirmasens - M/Y with 75-100 box cars
Q-9064 - 4 buildings
R-4958 - M/Ts
10 A/C strafed the following:
R-4057 - 8-10 M/Ts going S
Q-9754 - 1 M/T & 4 box cars
9 A/C dropped bombs on the following:
Bousseviller
Q-6569 - 40 box cars - also strafed
Q-8067 - 3 M/Ts strafed
91 A/C completed mission)

(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:
(a) Nil
(b) 1 personnel - lost flight
(c) 1 mechanical * oil leak
(d) Nil

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) P-47D-30RA 44-32762, flak 2 mi NW of Soultz
(vii) 1 a/c damaged, flak; Cat 1
1 a/c damaged, flak; Cat 3
(viii) 92

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 214:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 223,200 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 39,002 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 220 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused - tail M113
24 x 500 lb SAP bombs, fused - nose M103; tail M101A2; ext. 18"
16 x 100 lb WP bombs, fused - nose M126A1; Burster M4
12 x 260 lb Frag bombs, fused - nose M103; tail M100A2
(ii) 216 GP bombs, 24 SAP bombs, 14 WP bombs, and 12 Frag bombs expended as follows:
4 GPs and 2 Frags on 10 trucks at R-2427
2 GPs and 1 Frag on buildings at R-0738
2 GPs and 1 Frag on 15 trucks headed N & W at R-0735
2 GPs and 1 Frag on RR overpass at R-085361
2 GPs and 1 Frag on light flak positions at R-085331
2 GPs and 1 Frag on 4 trucks headed N at R-1239
4 GPs and 3 Frags on Soultz at R-1037 - NRO
2 GPs and 1 Frag released in enemy territory, unknown
2 GPs on road bridge over RR at R-085370
2 GPs on 8-10 buildings at R-095375

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1 Frag on 2 M/Ts at R-0938
12 GPs on pontoon bridge at R-4555
24 GPs on pontoon bridge at R-4657
4 SAPs on M/Y at Frankenthal (M-4505)
2 SAPs on highway bridge at M-4615
2 SAPs and 1 GP on 8-10 barges at M-4516
2 SAPs and 1 GP on M/Y at Worms
8 SAPs and 2 GPs on 6 coaches & loco headed NW at M-6402
2 GPs on train of loco & 15 cars headed E at M-6402
6 SAPs and 4 GPs on M/Y at M-5005
1 GP on RR bridge at M-5005
10 GPs and 4 WPs on M/Y at W-770873
8 GPs and 1 WP on train moving E at W-760878
2 GPs and 1 WP on train of 15 cars vic. Achern (R-2503)
9 GPs on radar station vic. Eppingen (R-8560)
3 GPs on RR bridge vic. Eppingen
9 GPs on town vic. Gr Sachsenhem (R-9742)
7 GPs on 15 box cars in small M/Y vic. Gr Sachsenhem
2 GPs on radar station on air field at Gr Sachsenhem
12 GPs on loco & 10 pass. cars moving E at Horb (W-7183)
12 GPs on loco & 50 cars in M/Y at W-770873
12 GPs on 35 freight cars at Horb M/Y (W-7083)
6 GPs on loco at W-710886
6 GPs on 15-20 cars in M/Y at W-730875
4 GPs and 2 WPs on M/Y at [redacted]-9993
2 GPs and 1 WP on 30 box cars at R-020625
4 GPs and 2 WPs on M/Y at Pirmasens
6 GPs and 1 WP on "Pineapple" target at R-4958
12 GPs on Bousseviller
15 GPs on 40 box cars at [redacted]-6569

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) 4 GPs and 2 WPs returned to base

G. 2nd Lt. HAROLD D. WAYHAM, O-705649, KIA, 366th Fitr Sqdn., hit by flak 2 Md NW of Soultz, spun in at U-6018.

H. Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 27
c) 33
2. Armored Vehicles and Tanks
c) 10
3. Locomotives
a) 1
c) 10
4. Railroad Cars
a) 43
c) 116
5. Bridges
c) 5
6. Gun Emplacements
c) 1

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9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 13
   c) Damaged, 4

10. Roads cut,
   a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut,
   a) Destroyed, 4

12. Barges,
   c) Damaged, 3

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
   a) Destroyed, 1

14. M/T attacked,
   c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims,
   10 horses killed.
   Radar station damaged.

4. (2). Operation No.: A.O. 26. Close cooperation and Armed recce mission.

A. 13 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1520 hours on close cooperation and armed recce. Squadron carried 14 x 500# GP spike bombs and 23 x 500# SAP nose extension bombs. Route flown was base to Gambsheim to base. In target area 1600-1635 hours. Squadron contacted Halfbake, who turned the squadron over to Horsefly. Horsefly led squadron to target, a concentration of tanks on both sides of the road from R-115121 north to R-115132, some of which appeared to be Shermans. 30 tanks in all were observed. 36 bombs dropped on target, resulting in claims of five tanks destroyed and 3 damaged by direct hits and near misses. 20 tanks were strafed, with no claims based on strafing. Horsefly saw one tank destroyed by direct hit and another knocked out by a near miss. One 500# GP spike bomb was returned to base, failure to release. Observations on missions included: two large explosions at R-782136, apparently a gas or oil fire; and a zig-zag vapor trail 30 miles NE of target, from ground to 15,000 feet, 70 degree angle, at 1625 hours. One Me-163, all silver, went through one of the squadrons flights at 1610 hours; E/A was at 7,000 feet, going north; no vapor trail. Scant light flak encountered at R-115125. No losses to enemy action. Down at base; 1715 hours. Weather: few scattered clouds at 3500 to 5,000 feet; visibility unlimited.

B. (i) 13 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 13 A/C dropped bombs on target, a concentration of tanks, on both sides of road from R-115121 to R-115132.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 13

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 28:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 31,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 11,700 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 23 x 500# SAP nose extension bombs, fused- M103, tail M101A2.
14 x 500# GP spike bombs, fused tail-M113. Fused ext. 18'.
(ii) 23 x 500# SAP nose extension bombs and 13 x 500# GP spike bombs expended, on target, a concentration of tanks on both sides of the road from R-115121 north to R-115132.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
1 x 500# GP spike bomb returned to base, failure to release.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 2. Tanks,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 3

4. (3). Operation No. A.O. 80. Dive-bomb mission.

A. 8 P-47s of 365th and 367th Squadrons (4 each squadron) dispatched at 1015 hours to dive bomb, R-779695. Each a/c carried two 500# GP bombs and one 500# incendiary bombs. Route flown was base to Hagenau to Rastatt to base. In target area 1100-1145 hours. Baggage advised one flight leader that he made a Pineapple mission for him. R/V effected with two P-51s at Bischwiller, and P-51's led them to target, a landing platform on west bank of the Rhine at R-1717. A corral of horses observed on west bank at that point, and two barges, which might have been loaded with tanks, at the pier. Four GPs and two incendiaries dropped on west side, with hits on road just in from bank, and hits believed scored on barges. Two GPs and one incendiary dropped on east side of river at same point, which contained enemy troops and equipment; bombs hit in target area, but otherwise no results observed. Two GPs and one incendiary dropped on two barges at R-1716, no results observed. One truck and trailer, moving from Druzheim to the

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Rhine rive, were strafed and destroyed. The second flight was advised of Pineapple by Baggage, but was split up by weather and flk. The flight dropped six 500# GPs and three 500# incendiaries on seven M/T parked south of Fort Lewis, facing, north, and one barge parked on north side of river, with two trucks on it; all five bombs fell within target area, but otherwise no results observed. The flight dropped the remainder of its bombs two GPs and one incendiary on a group of three buildings at R-093280, resulting in one road block, one building destroyed, and two buildings damaged. No e/a encountered. Flak: intense heavy and light at R-1717; weak heavy and light at R-230216. Losses: 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 3; 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1; and one P-47 destroyed, hit by flak on bomb run; the pilot Capt Bilderback, bailed out at R-0615. Weather: 10/10ths, 4000 - 5000 feet; visibility good above, two miles below, with snow flurries. Town at base; 1233 hours.

B. (i) 8 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 8 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
West bank of Rhine, at R1717, corral of horses.
East bank of Rhine, at R1717,
Two barges at R-1716.
7 M/Ts parked south of Fort Lewis.
Group of bldgs at R-093280.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1 P-47D-30RA,44-32978, hit by flak on bomb run, R-0615, 4 miles SW of Bishwiller.
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged by flak, 1 a/c cat 1 and 1 a/c cat 3.
(viii) 8

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 15:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 19,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 16 - 500# GPs, fused- nose M103 and tail M101A2.
8 - 500# incendiary bombs, fused, Burster, M14; Adapter Booster M115; Igniter, WP.
(ii) 16 - 500# GPs and 8 - 500# incendiary bombs expended as follows;-
4 GPs and 2 incendiary bombs on west side of Rhine river, corral of horses, R-1717.
2 GPs and 1 incendiary bombs on east side of Rhine R-1717.
2 GPs and 1 incendiary bombs on two barges at R-1716.
6 GPs and 3 incendiary bombs on M/Ts, Fort Lewis.
2 GPs and 1 incendiary on bldgs at R-093280.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. GENE W. BILDERBACK, Captain, O-406512. M.I.A. (Kurzenhsn R-0615, 4 miles SW of Bishwiller).

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims,
1 truck and trailer damaged.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

30 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

FROM: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

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Oprep A No. 140 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 3, XII TAC.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Major Robertson, took-off at 1114 on a close support mission with "Pelican" and then perform recce between Bitche and Saarbrucken. "Pelican" send Squadron on recce between Bitche and Saarbrucken. 20 x 500 on concentration (approx. 100) M/T, horse drawn vehicles and troops in woods and field at Q-865468 with 12 hits in immediate area. 6 M/T destroyed, 16 damaged. 10 horse drawn vehicles damaged by strafing. All horse drawn vehicles headed towards Bitche. 2 fires started in area. 2 x 500 missed road junction at Q-8061. 2 x 500 jettisoned in lake at Q-4010. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Q-8448 and Bitche. 5/10 at 5,000' from Bitche to Q-8448, with visibility good. T/C.T. 1135, T.D. 1311.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 11 P-47's.
(iii) (a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) 1 - Bomb Release Mechanism - electrical release failed. (d) Nil.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 24:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 30,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,040 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) 2 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

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I. 1. (a) 6
(c) 16
13. (c) 10
16. - 1

Oprep A No. 141 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 6, XII TAC.

A. The 406th Squadron, led by Capt. Daniels, took-off at 1153 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" or to hit alternate target, the town of Au-Am-Rhein at R-365392. "Halfbake King" assigned target 15 Miles NW Hagenau but weather prevented attack. 18 x 500 on Au-Am-Rhein at R-365392 with 10 hits in town. 2 buildings destroyed, 1 roadblock. Scant inaccurate heavy flak encountered 10 miles N. of Hagenau. 8/10 4-5,000' with haze below at Hagenau with the Rhine valley clear. T.O.T. 1350 T.D. 1421.

B. (i) 9 P-47's.
(ii) 9 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 9

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 22;15 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 20,250 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 540 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 18 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
(ii) 18 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 9. (a) 2
10. (a) 1

Oprep A No. 142 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47, XII TAC.

A. The 404th Squadron led by Lt. Harrison, took-off at 0745 on a close support mission with "Mikado" at Molsheim. Squadron was directed by Mikado Item" to target, the town of Elsenheim at V-823511, however, Squadron was unable to attack due to weather. 14 x 500 jettisoned armed on E. side of Rhine, area W-0055, NRC. Weak, inaccurate heavy flak encountered at W-0055. Weather over target was 10/10 5-6,000'. T.O.T. 0830-0920, T.D. 0941.

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B. (i) 7 P-47's.
(ii) 7 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 7.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 7:45 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 14,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) to (iii) NIL.

F. (i) 14 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 14 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 143 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48, XII TAC.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Capt. Holderness, took-off at 0813 on a close support mission with "Mikado" at Molsheim, or to hit alternate target, the town of Elsenheim at V-8251, and then perform recce in area IV. Squadron contacted "Mikado" who send Squadron to briefed target but weather prevented attack. 17 x 500 GP and 7 x 100 WP on RR track in the vicinity of Mulheim at V-915120 with 3 x 500 and 1 x 100 direct hits. 3 rail cuts - V-893115, V-890102, V-885090; 4 buildings damaged V-893110. 1 x 500 fell off on take-off. Moderate inaccurate heavy and light flak encountered at V-8910. Weather enroute and in target area 10/10 3500-5000' with visibility excellent; a break was encountered at V-915120. T. T.T. 0830-0915, T.D. 0954.

B. (i) 9 P-47's.
(ii) 9 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 9.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 12:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 30,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) to (iii) NIL.

F. (i) 18 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
7 x 100 WP., M-126A1 ND.
(ii) 17 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
7 x 100 WP., M-126A1 ND.

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F. (iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil. (1 x 500 returned).

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 9. (c) 4
11. (a) 3

Oprep A No. 144 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50, XII TAC.

A. The 404th Squadron, led by Lt. Penne, took-off at 1400 on a close support mission with "Mikado". Squadron contacted "Armada" who sent Squadron to "Mikado" who sent Squadron to "Mikado Item" who assigned target of Elsenheim at V-823511. 16 x 500 dropped in target area. Town burning before attack, NRO. 2 x 500 hung and were jettisoned safe at V-8754. No flak encountered, weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1420-1440, T.D. 1507.

B. (i) 9 P-47's.
(ii) 8 P-47's.
(iii) (a) Nil. (b) 1 - Pilot error - failed to use release properly. Bombs hung. (c) Nil. (d) Nil.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 9.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 16:20 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 18,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,250 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 18 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 16 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) 2 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 145 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51, XII TAC.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Lt. Col. Pacon, took-off at 1430 on a close support mission with "Mikado" or to hit alternate target, the

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Mission or Operation No. 51, XII TAC.

A. town of Elsenheim at V-8251, and perform recce in Area V. Sq. contacted "Mikado Item" who sent squadron to "Armada Easy" who assigned target. 20 x 500 on 4 tanks going E at V-835458, NRO. 2 road blocks at V-8446 destroyed. 2 x 500 in Elsenheim, 2 buildings destroyed. Scant inaccurate heavy flak encountered at V-8251. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1510. T.D. 1550.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 11 P-47's.
(iii) (a) Nil. (b) Nil. (c) 1 - Engine - oil leaks.
(d) Nil.
(iv) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 11.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 14:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 30,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) to (iii) NIL.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil. (2 x 500 returned).

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 9. (a) 2
10. (a) 2

Oprep A No. 146 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 52, XII TAC.

A. The 406th Squadron, led by Lt. Col. Delaney, took-off at 1514 on a close support mission with "Mikado" or to hit alternate target, the town of Onenheim at V-831537. "Mikado Item" sent Squadron to attack woods from V-803535 to V-803545 a troop concentration. 24 x 500 and strafing in woods. "Mikado Item" reported results good. Squadron also strafed at V-798318 - 1 M/T destroyed, at V-830332 - 1 M/T damaged. Moderate inaccurate light flak encountered at V-805325. Weather was CAVU over target; 10/10 6,000' enroute. T.O.T. 1545, T.D. 1700.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) to (vi) NIL.
(vii) 2 P-47's - Other Cat. "AC" Landing Accident.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 21:30 Hours.
(ii) Nil.

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E. (i) 30,240 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,960 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 1. (a) 1
(c) 1
16. - 1

Oprep A No. 147 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 53, XII TAC.

A. The 404th Squadron, led by Lt. Harrison took-off at 1645 on a close support mission with "Mikado". Squadron contacted "Mikado" who sent Squadron to "Mikado Item" who assigned target of woods at V-802528. Sq. could not see marking smoke so controller assigned target of Elsenheim at V-8251. 21 x 500 on target with 16 hits in town. Town left in flames. 1 x 500 jettisoned safe at V-8161. Moderate inaccurate light flak encountered at V-8851. 8/10 clouds at 7,500', very thin prevailed. T.O.T 1700-1715, T.D. 1751.

B. (i) 11 P-47's.
(ii) 11 P-47's.
(iii) to (vi) NIL. (vii) 1 P-47, Cat. "A" Other-Landing Accident.
(viii) 11.

C. (i) 2 x 75 Gallon U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 16:40 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 22,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 730 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 21 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) 1 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

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Oprep A No. 148 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation no. 54, XII TAC.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Major Robertson, took-off at 1634 on a close support mission with "Mikado". "Mikado" sent Squadron to "Armada" who sent Squadron to "Armada Queen" who assigned target of town of Muntzenheim at V-805445. 24 x 500 on target area. Town already on fire before attack. 4 to 5 large fires started by our bombs. 20 buildings destroyed. Moderate inaccurate light and heavy flak encountered at V-805445, and at Colmar. Weather from Colmar to Strasbourg 10/10 at 5,000' however, there was a hole over the target. T.O.T 1655, T.D. 1740.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 15:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 30,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,480 rounds, .50 Cal.
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 G.P., " " " " .
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 9. (a) 20

Oprep A No. 149 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 58, XII TAC.

A. The 406th Squadron, led by Capt. Webster, took-off at 0843 on a close support mission with "Armada". 22 x 500 GP and 6 x 100 WP dropped in Freiburg area as an "Egg basket" from Baggage, NRO. Moderate inaccurate heavy and light flak encountered at Neuf Brisach and Colmar. 10/10 at 5,000' in target area, visibility good above prevailed for weather. T.O. TO. 0930, T.D. 1010.

B. (i) 11 P-47's.
(ii) 11 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 11.

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 20:30 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 27,720 rounds, .50 Cal.

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E. (ii) to (iii) NIL.

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
6 x 100 WP., Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 G.P., M-103 Nose, M-101A2 Tail.
6 x 100 WP., Instant.
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 150 for 24 hours ending Sunset 29 January 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 59, XII TAC.

A. The 404th Squadron, led by Lt. Col. Wright, took-off at 1050 on a close support mission with "Armada". "Armada" sent Squadron to "Armada Queen" who assigned a target of woods at V-783448. 14 x 500 dropped with 10 x 500 on target, NRO. 2 x 500 in town of Bischwihr at V-7844, NRO. Squadron strafed S. bank of Colmar canal, V-7845, V-8045, NRO. Sq. recced road from Munster to Colmar V-6040 to V-6742. Squadron strafed and damaged 1 M/T and 3 horse drawn vehicles all headed NE. Small arms fire encountered at V-783348. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1120-1210, T.D. 1237.

B. (i) 8 P-47's.
(ii) 8 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 8.

C. (i) Nil.
(ii) Nil.

D. (i) 14:10 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 16,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,200 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 16 x 500 G.P., " " " "
(iii) Nil.
(iv) Nil.

G. NIL.

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For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 29 JAN. 19 45 Mission No. 557

1. No. Off 44 - B26 Time Up 1321 Time Down 41-1642 Total Hours 178:30

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 12-15 "SPITS".

3. Weather: 10/10 STRATOCU - - TOPS AT 6,000'.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	AIR SPARE.
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).
1 - B26	ENG(R. ENGINE CUTTING OUT).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
41 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5. Target: (1) WISSEMBOURG M/Y AREA(W/R 160478), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: INCLEMENT WEATHER PREVENTED BOMBING OF TARGET. - - - ALL BOMBS RETURNED TO BASE.

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	352	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	8(SPARE) 16(ENG) 328(WEATHER)

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	62,950	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
HEAVY	ACCURATE	SCANT	RASTATT AREA.

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 - B26 returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - -

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Signature
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 29 Jan. 19 45 Mission No. 475

1. No. Off 48 B-26's Time Up 12:00 Time Down 15:15 Total Hours 146:00
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Stratocumulus overcast, tops estimated 6,000
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
5-B26's	Engines cutting out.	None	

5. Target: (1) Neustadt, Germany. (2)(Alternate) Bundenthal, Germany.
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Marshalling Yard(W)R-302835	Woerth, Germany (W)R-0137	14:20	43	12,600
(2)	Marshalling Yard(W)R-052560				
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- 5 squadrons of 9 A/C each. Compressed formation, javelin down of squadrons. Bomb run- Bombed in route formation. Bombing procedure- All bombs dropped off of number 1 man each squadron. Axis of attack- 21°T Withdrawal- Broke left. Evasive action- Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 Seconds

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area Unknown

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- The formation dropped on the alternate target, on "ETA"; No results observed due to cloud cover.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 &.025	384		341			None	32

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	11	8-due to engine trouble. 3-hung up over target	In an open field(W)0-0759 (W)R-0673

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	140,100	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O..R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 105 for 24 hours ending sunset, 29 January, '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3667, TR/15/29/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0930-1200. To recce Strassbourg-R-285395-Lichtenau-Drusenheim area. OBSERVATIONS: No pontoon bridge from R-337398 to Strassbourg on Rhine River at 1100 hrs. 10 HDV and 4 MT stationary facing east along road from east edge of Drusenheim to Rhine river bank at 1030 hrs. 75 plus infantry scattered in Drusenheim and 5 MT in center of town, scattered facign all directions at 1030 hrs. 4 MT mvg. north Benheim-Seltz. 50 infantry marching north in column into Seltz. 4 plus MT in Seltz, stationary facing north. 100 plus infantry marching north Seltz-Schaffhouse. Indeterminate number of troops scattered in woods on both sides of road between Seltz and Schaffhouse. 15 MT mvg. north Seltz-R-285395..2 sections of pontoon bridge on east bank of Rhine at R-171 173. 1 section of pontoon bridge on west side of Rhine river at same coordinate. 4-5 MT on west bank of river at R-1717 on either side of approach stationary. 75 plus infantry in Sonflenheim (R-1725) and 4 MT on main road facing east. Slight scattered movement north on secondary roads west of main Seltz-Lauterburg highway. 3 large MT mvg. south into townat R-3025. 2 MT mvg. south in LichtenauF/B's hit MT at Drusenheim. Mission was unable to locate any pontoon bridges on Rhine river. Mission flew entire route under overcast. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-accurate at Drusenheim. Heavy-scant-accurate at Sessenheim. Heavy/light-scant-inaccurate at Seltz, and also at Sonflenheim. Light-scant-inaccurate at Schaffhouse. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 0945-1145. WEATHER: 9/10 3-4000' Rhine valley.
B. (i)2 F6's. (ii)2 attacking Strassbourg-Drusenheim. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION. OPERATIONS NO. 3668, TR/1/29/1. ABORTIVE.

A. 1 F6 C from 1030-1110.
B. (iii) Aboptive due to mechanical trouble..weaver could not get off.
C. Nil. D. 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO..3669, TR/7/29/4.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1100-1200. To recce Saargemund-Saarbrucken-Pirmasens. OBSERVATIONS: 3 MT mvg. east from Pirmasens. Mission returned to base because of engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1145. WEATHER: 8/10 3500-4000'. Vis. unlimited.
B. (i) 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Pirmasens.(iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

PR/12/13/160-12/15/172. OPERATIONS NO. 3670, PR 7A/22/194-12/14/160-

A. 2 F6 C's from 1130-1350. To photo in Neuenburg-Karlsruhe-Haguenau-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: 50-60 MT stationary facing south from V-8856-Markolsheim. Controller stated that these were our MT--pilot could not confirm. Bridge at R-1717 out. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: 170 RR cars intact in M/Y at V-893365. Yards and main lines appear 100% serviceable. 8 gun battery (H) occupied at V-872345. 4 gun battery (H) unoccupied at V-879340, 3 gun battery (L) unoccupied at V-879340. 3 gun batteries (L) occupied at following coordinates: V-880352, V-884355, V-887354, V-899351V-893360, and 1 unoccupied at V-895363. 4 gun battery (H) occupied at V-887362. 6 gun battery (L) three of which are occupied at V-896360. 6 gun battery (L) occupied at V-900359. RR bridge intact at V-866126, and V-858128. RR still damaged at V-856128. 3 gun battery (L) occupied at V-849132. 3 gun batteries (L) unoccupied at following coordinates: V-849132, V-873119, V-862129. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1145-1335. WEATHER: 9/10 5-6000'Strassbourg-Karlsruhe, CAVU below Strassbourg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2 attacking Neuenburg-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS 3671, TR/13/29/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1130-1345. To recce and photo in Neuenburg-Freiburg-Breisach-Colmar-area. OBSERVATIONS: 50 plus boxcars in M/Y at V-9114. Bridge at Neuenburg intact. 30 plus boxcars in M/Y at V-9826. 1 MT mvg. north at V-0126. 30 plus boxcars south M/Y Freiburg. 1 MT mvg. north V-1037. 200 plus boxcars north M/Y Freiburg. 50 boxcars on siding at V-0142. 40 plus boxcars in M/Y at V-0847. Bridge at Breisach intact. 1 MT mvg. west at V-8938. 5 MT parked in town at V-8140. 4 MT BW V-8336. 1 MT mvg. north at V-8238. 1 large MT stationary facing west at V-8231. 1 MT mvg. west at V-8421. 20 boxcars covered with snowon tracks at V-8037. 3 MT stationary facing west at V-7939. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Pontoon bridge approaches intact and serviceable at V-883361. 8 sections of pontoons, and tug along shore ready to go into place at V-881366. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1210-1325. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Neuenburg-Colmar. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3671, TR/13/29/7, (Cont'd.)

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3672, TR/2/29/2.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1325-1525. To recce Strassbourg-Karlsruhe-Landau-Germersheim-area: OBSERVATIONS: Leader was making visual check on Karlsruhe-Landau area for MT or armour concentrations. As flight was flying east from Landau to Rhine river , leader called a town ahead of them, then called a 45 degree turn to left on deck. Leader hit what appeared to weaver to be a telephone line, crashed, and exploded. Approximate location of crash was R-4571, and time of crash was 1500 hrs. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at R-3950. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1510. WEATHER: 10/10,3-5000' Karlsruhe north. Broken toStrassburg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Karlsruhe.(iii)-[illegible], Nil. (iv) Nil. (v) 1 F6 C (see above)(vi) Nil.(vii) Nil.(viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) Nil. (iii) 11000 rds.
F. Nil. G. 1 pilot KIA. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3673, TR/8/29/3.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1450-1650. To recce Saargemund-Wissembourg-Alzey-Strassbourg area.
OBSERVATIONS: None because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Neustadt. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1510-1630. WEATHER: 9-10/10 3-5500' Saargemund-Wissembourg and north.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Strassbourg area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E.2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii)and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3674, TR/[illegible]/29/3.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1500-1640. To recce Saarbrucken-Strassbourg-Karlsruhe area.
OBSERVATIONS: 75 boxcars in M/Y at W-1794. 150 boxcars in M/Y at W-2099. 150 boxcars M/Y at Achern. 100 boxcars in M/Y at Buhl. 1 train with 10 boxcars stationary facing south no steam at R-3015. 1 train with 10 cars facing south no steam at W-1792.
ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1505-1625. WEATHER: Strassbourg-R-3718 CAVU. Karlsruhe-Saarburg 9/10 4-5000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Karlsruhe. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3675,TR/16/29/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1530-1650. To recce Bitche-Wissembourg-Haguenau-Strassbourg-R-2421-area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 MT mvg. west at R-1648. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1640. WEATHER: 9/10 3500'-4000' Bitche-Haguenau, along Rhine from R-0005-R-2421, heavy haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii)2 attacking Bitche-R-2421. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3676, TR/14/29/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1535-1700. To recce Colmar-Enisheim-Neuenburg-Markolsheim-Colmar-Breisach. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. south V-735330. 1 MT mvg. north V-733160. RR bridge at Neuenburg intact. 30 boxcars on RR line in woods at V-800377. 2 MT mvg. NW out of Breisach. 2 MT mvg. NW V-840390. 1 very large MT mvg. north slowly at V-852395. RR bridge at Breisach intact. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTAC Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1550-1645. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i)2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Colmar-Breisach. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 50 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

29 January 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 136 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 29 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 340 (TR/4/29/11)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 0845-1100. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 pontoon each side of river at R-4871 with 6 pontoons strung out in middle of river. (Called in to Half-Bake) 15 horse-drawn transport in Seltz mvg S. (Called in to Half-Bake and Baggage) Lauterbourg R-3241, 3 M/T and 4 horse-drawn transport stat. 1 M/T mvg S into town. (Called in to Half-Bake) 8 scatt M/T B/W R-2839, R-2737. F/B bombed town R-2737, set fire to 1 M/T and fires in barns NE part of town. R-2735 to R-2736 convoy of 16 M/T sfd by F/B's, stat both sides of rd. NRO. 7 scatt M/T mvg NE out of Landau, 2 steam vessels, 200 ft. size, stat R-3943. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-H-I, Seltz, S-H-I, R-3843. WEATHER: N of Saarguemine complete o/c 10/10 at 5000' with holes. extended to Rhine River, S of Mannheim thin o/c, vis 5 miles to Strasbourg. S of Strasbourg 3-5/10 vis 10 miles. RADIO CONTACT: Good. PHOTOS: NIL. TIME OVER AREA: 0925-1040.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 341 (TR/19/29/19)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1130-1340. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Homburg M/Y one-half full, no activity. No obs Kaiserslautern due to weather 10/10 to deck. M/Y W side of Kaiserslautern appears serviceable. No activity observed vic Pirmasens. NMS Sweibrucken-Pirmasens. 1 M/T mvg N at R-0196. NMS on Autoban from R-0096 to M-2001. No trackage in snow at all. Rd between Bad Durchheim to Ludwigschofen covered with snow, no trackage. Neustadt M/Y one-half full, no activity. NMS Neustadt-Landau. 12 P-51's attacked Flight over Kaiserslautern at 4000' at 1200 hrs. P-51's carrying bombs or wing tanks. attack lasted for 10 minutes. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-H-I Sweibrucken. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1150-1315. WEATHER: 9/10 at 5000'. Kaiserslautern 10/10 to deck.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 20 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 342 (TR/5/29/12)

A. 2 F6-D's from 1215-1415. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: R-3242 to R-3353 there were 50 M/T scatt mvg B/W, (Called F/B's through Controller). Germersheim M/Y one-half full, no activity seen, 2 M/T mvg N into Germersheim, 2 M/T mvg NE into Speyer, 6 formation 30 boxcars each from Q-4487-Q-3183, RR br at L-4617 serviceable. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1235-1350. WEATHER: Karlsruhe 5/10 at 5000', N of Mannheim 10/10 at 4000'.
B. 2 F6-D'S (2 attacking route #2) (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 343 (TR/17/29/17)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1145-1345. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Saarbrucken one-fifth full, No activity, snow covered. Building on fire in Bitche, rest of area unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1205-1310. WEATHER: N half of area o/c base 3000', tops 4000-4500'.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 344 (TR/11/29/15)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1200-1315. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: Offenburg M/Y one-third full, no apparent activity, NMS W-0873 to Offenburg. No activity on Rhine River from Strasbourg to W-0073, 1 a/c returned to base due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1217-1250. WEATHER: Thin o/c at 5000', vis 5 miles.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C. (ii) 2 attacking route #4. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 345 (TR/10/29/14)

A. 2 F6-D's from 1225-1440. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T mvg N at S-0182, 3 M/T mvg N at R-9984, 30 ft. barge ar R-9691, 1 M/T facing S R-0628, No other obs on route due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1245-1420. WEATHER: Mannheim Karlsruhe 10/10 base 3500' tops 5000'.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 346 (TR/18/29/18)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1445-1700. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500-1645. WEATHER: St. Avold-Savern, N & E 10/10 base 3500' tops 5000'.
B. 2 F6-C's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (ii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 120 rds. (iii) NIL. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 347 (TR/6/29/13)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1455-1700. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: Bridge at Speyer appears serviceable, 6 pontoons E bank river at R-5586, M/Y R-6989 is one-half full, no activity. 1 engine S/U stat facing E at S-0284, Dump in woods vic S-0278, Heilbronn M/Y one-half full, no activity, M/Y at S-0634 appears one-half serv., 3/4 full, no activity. 7 scatt M/T B/W from S-0434 to R-9622. 10 scatt M/T majority mvg E R-9622 to S-1011. 3 M/T stat facing SE at R-7820, Pforzheim M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. 10 scatt M/T B/W Mannheim-Pforzheim. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1525-1635. WEATHER: 10/10 to 2-4000 base, tops 5500-6000'.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 348 (TR/12/29/16)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1440-1610. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/3 full, no activity, 30 boxcars each at W-0466, W-0255, not snow covered, 20 boxcars at W-0250 5 of which were not snow covered, 20 boxcars at W-1142, W-1036, not snow covered, M/Y freiburg, one-third full, 1 train 30 plus cars facing S stat, train S/U, (Called but could not raise controller Kosher or Baggage). M/Y at W-5440 is 1/3 full no activity. W-5043, 1 train with 40 plus boxcars, 2 cars in center were flat cars and 2 cars at end of train were flat cars, flat cars loaded but could not identify contents. (Called to Controller but could not reach--Baby responded and said would relay message.) M/Y at W3266 1/2 full. 100 box cars M/Y at W-2179 approx 50 cars not covered with snow. No activity observed from Strasbourg to V-9051. 2 pontoons E bank river V-9048 also heavy trackage in vic of pontoons. 2 pontoons E on sand bar in river at V-9153, all snow covered. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: SAH Freiburg. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1455-1555. WEATHER: W of Freiburg CAVU, N & E of Freiburg 9/10 top 5000'.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Route #4. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hps.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 280 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 349 (TR/21/29/35)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1445-1620. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: RR br at Breisach is serv. Smokes screen vis bridge not too effective, bridge at Neuenberg is serv, heavy trackage in woods vic Neuenberg extending 2 miles N and S of Neuenberg. Heavy trackage in woods vic V-8843, 1 M/T stat fac S, 6 tracks woods V-9048, SE corner Colmar 3 tracked vehicles mvg NW into town, (Called in to Chow-Line) NW edge of Colmar 8 M/T stat. 3 M/T mvg NE at V-6839 1 black staff car mvg N at V-7385. 3 horse-drawn transport stat fac N at V-7434, V-7532, 6 M/T mvg N, 1 staff car mvg E. (Called into Controller) Town at V-8147 on fire. 6 M/T stat at town V-8529. 6 M/T stat at town V-8525. (Called to Controller). ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500-1605. WEATHER: CAVU Rhine Valley, Heavy haze Colmer deck to 5000' vis 10 miles.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3,300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 350 (TR/22/29/36)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1615-1720. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1640-1655. WEATHER: 10/10 base, 3500, tops 5000'.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 304 for 24 hours ending sunset
29 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3335 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1150A to 1340A. To photo Target: A/D at R-5873, EDA. Barracks Area - R-326686, A/D at R-4456694, EDA, Dump at R-278563, EDA of Heilbronn M/Y, EDA, of Mannheim RR/B, RR/Line M-225149 to M-109072, RR/Line Grunstadt M-3107 to M-114002, RR/Line from Neustadt to Hochspeyer, RR/Line from Landau to Hinterweidentahl, Dump at Q-213728, M/Y at Landau, Neustadt M/Y, Worms M/Y, Gemersheim M/Y, Speyer M/Y, M-645230 to M-645270 V-2 Site, Rectangular Area: M-515521 to M-532510 to M-527472 to M-515521. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Ten (10) bursts heavy, inaccurate flak at 20,000 ft., between Graben and Germersheim. PHOTOS: A/D at R-5837, EDA, Barracks at Area - R-326686, A/D at R-445694, EDA, of Heilbronn M/Y - S-0762, EDA, of Mannheim RR/B - R-522982, RR/L M-225149 to M-109072, Neustadt M/Y, Gemersheim M/Y, Speyer M/Y, Mannheim M/Y, Landau M/Y , Pirmasens Town Area, . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1210A to 1300A. WEATHER: Target Area covered 5/10ths by status. Mission partially successful. (Wallace C. Bosworth, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: A/D at R-5873, EDA of Area Barracks - R-326686, A/D at R-445694, EDA of Dump at R-278563, EDA of Heilbronn M/Y, EDA of Mannheim RR/B, RR/Line from M-225149 to M-109072, RR/Line - Grunstadt M-3107 to M-114002, Neustadt to Hochspeyer RR/Line, RR/Line from Landau to Hinterweidentahl., Dump at Q-213728, Landau M/Y, Neustadt M/Y, Worms M/Y, Germersheim M/Y, Speyer M/Y, V-2 Site, Rectangular Area: M-315521 to M-532510 to M-527472 to M-515521. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 50 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3333 - (29)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1400A to 1615A. To photo Target. Block Coverage - V-7814 - V-8514 - V-8521 - V-8021, EDA-Donau/Eschingen Town and M/Y, Frieburg Town and M/Y, Breisach RR/B, RR/B at WW-012504, Block Coverage: V-8045 - V-9545 - V-9530 - V-8030 - V-8045, Singen RR/B, EDA's at RR/B's: at: W-029391,and RR/Line: W-714466 to W-755414. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Twenty (20) bursts of accurate heavy flak over Breisach. Pilot left Area then returned and received twenty (20) more bursts of flak - left area and returned again getting twenty (20) more bursts of flak - however, target was covered. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: V-7814 to V-8514 to V-8021, Frieburg Town and M/Y - W-0833, Breisach RR/B at V-8836, RR/B at WW-012504, Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045, Singen RR/B - W-823068, EDA - RR/Bridge: at W-029391,. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1430A to 1530A. WEATHER: Cloud cover over mountain areas.. Mission partially successful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: V-7814 to V-8514 to V-8521 to V-8-21, EDA, Donau/Eschingen Town and M/Y, Frieburg Town and M/Y, Breisach RR/B, RR/B at WW-012504, Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045., Singen RR/B, EDA, RR/B's at W-029391, RR/Line from W-714466 to W-755414. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 304 for 24 hours ending sunset
29 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3325 - (21)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1300A to 1445A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: V-8567 to V-6838 to V-7532 to V-9433 to V-9760 to V-8567. Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045 and RR/B at V-8836. OBSERVATIONS: In Guemar, Marcolsheim, and Muntzenheim Areas - large fires and smoke - considerable ground activity in whole area. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: V-8567 to V-6838 to V-7532 to V-9433 to V-9760 to V-8567. Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045 . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1325A to 1330A. WEATHER: CAVU in target Area - slight haze., Mission partially successful. (James E. McCommon, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: V-8567 to V-6838 to V-7532 to V-9433 to V-9760 to V-8567. Block Coverage: V-8045 to V-9545 to V-9530 to V-8030 to V-8045 and RR/B at V-8836. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3329 - (25)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1140A to 1310A. To photo Target: Block Coverage Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 to Q-5256 to Q-5572. , RR/L, Q-726623 to Zweibrucken, Zweibrucken Town Area, Zweibrucken M/Y, OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: (J one (1) burst inaccurate - North of Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 to Q-5256 to Q-5572. RR/L, Q-726623 to Zweibrucken, Zweibrucken Town Area, Zweibrucken M/Y. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1145A. WEATHER: 3/10ths broken startus in target area - slight ground haze.,
Mission successful. (Lawton C. McGlothlin, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 to Q-5256 to Q-5572. RR/Line: Q-726623 to Zweibrucken, Zweibrucken Town Area, Zweibrucken M/Y,
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 304 for 24 hours ending sunset
29 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3328 - (24)

A. 1 P-5E, from 1315A to 1515A. To photo target: Block Coverage: V-8567 to V-6830 to V-7532 to V-9433 to V-9760 to V-8567. Block Coverage: V-9580 to W-0580 to W-0060 to V-8568 to V-9580. Block Coverage: V-9380 to W-1280 to W-0560 to V-8968. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed both Marcholsheim and Muntzenheim on fire. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: V-8567 to V-6830 to V-7532 to V-9433 to V-9760 to V-8567. Block Coverage: V-9580 to W-0580 to W-0060 to V-8568 to V-9580, Block Coverage V-9300 to W-1280 to W-0566 to V-8968. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1445A. WEATHER: Extreme haze around Colmar - moderate haze S of Strasburg. Mission successful.
(Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: V-8567 to V-6830 to V-7532 to V-9433 to V-9760 to V-8567, Block Coverage: V-9580 to W-0580 to W-0060 to V-8568 to V-9580. Block Coverage: V-9300 to W-1280 to W-0566 to V-8968. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 304 for 24 hours ending sunset
29 January 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3331 - (27)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1150A to 1250A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215A to 1230A. WEATHER: 8/10ths coverage in target area of stratus, haze in area.
Mission successful. (James E. Lively, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: 1/29/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 632 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 29 January 1945.

A. No air craft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

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HAROLD F. AUGSPERGER,
Major, A. C.,
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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE) E-I-5

APO 374, U.S.ARMY
1 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 265.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTn: Stat Officer.

Oprep A No. 265 for 24 hours ending sunset the 30 and 31 of January 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 30 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2615

5 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0845 down at 0950. Target, town of Orschenheim at V-814430. T.O.T. 0925, bomb run to 800' with 10 hits in town, results 15 buildings destroyed. All A/C strafed area. Weather, haze to 7000' at base to Vosges mts., 10/10ths, 4000' Vosges mts., 5500' Colmar. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2616

6 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing missionup at 0855 down at 1010. Target, town of Widensohem at V-810405. T.O.T. 0935, bomb run to 1000', 10 hits in town, 4 buildings destroyed. Flight strafed at V-858517 damaged 2 MT, also strafed at V-855463 damaged 1 MT. Scant LAA & moderate HAA at V-810405. Weather, hazy ground to 5500', 10/10ths base at 5500' target area. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. 1 A/C damaged, Flak, Cat #1. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2617

4 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0900 down at 0945. Target, town of Durrenentzen at V-826437. T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 1500', 8 hits in town, 4 buildings destroyed & 2 damaged. Scant small arms fire at target. Weather, 10/10ths base 6000' at target & E. of Rhine. Bombs exp: 6 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 500 lb Incd.

Note 4 B	(i)	15	
	(ii)	14	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	1	Cat. #1, Flak
	(viii)	14	
Note 5 D	(i)	14:40	
Note 6 E	(i)	30,000	
	(ii)	14,210	
Note 7 F	(i)	28 x 500 lb GP 2 x 500 lb Incd.	
	(ii)	26 x 500 lb GP 2 x 500 lb Incd. (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
30 January 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 30 January 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2615

5 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0845 down at 0950. Target, town of Orschenheim at V-814430. T.O.T. 0925, bomb run to 800' with 10 hits in town, results 15 buildings destroyed. All A/C strafed area. Weather, haze to 7000' at base to Vosges mts., 10/10ths, 4000' Vosges mts., 5500' Colmar. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2616

6 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing missionup at 0855 down at 1010. Target, town of Widensohem at V-810405. T.O.T. 0935, bomb run to 1000', 10 hits in town, 4 buildings destroyed. Flight strafed at V-858517 damaged 2 MT, also strafed at V-855463 damaged 1 MT. Scant LAA & moderate HAA at V-810405. Weather, hazy ground to 5500', 10/10ths base at 5500' target area. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. 1 A/C damaged, Flak, Cat #1. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2617

4 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0900 down at 0945. Target, town of Durrenentzen at V-826437. T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 1500', 8 hits in town, 4 buildings destroyed & 2 damaged. Scant small arms fire at target. Weather, 10/10ths base 6000' at target & E. of Rhine. Bombs exp: 6 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 500 lb Incd.

Note 4 B	(i)	15
	(ii)	14
	(iii)c.	1
	(vii)	1 Cat. #1, Flak
	(viii)	14
Note 5 D	(i)	14:40
Note 6 E	(i)	30,000
	(ii)	14,210
Note 7 F	(i)	28 x 500 lb GP 2 x 500 lb Incd.
	(ii)	26 x 500 lb GP 2 x 500 lb Incd. (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP to base)

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

EC/5

2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 198 for the period ending Sunset 30 January 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16 and 17. Armed recce missions, and Dive-Bombing.

A. (A.O. 15) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0801 to bomb RR bridge at S-059713 and conduct armed reconnaissance. Squadron carried 36 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Eppingen to Bruschal to just west of Stuttgart to R-5912 to base. Time over target area, 0830-0950 hours. 12 GPs were dropped on L/Y at Bruschal, which contained 25 box cars, with one loco and 20 cars headed north out of yard; six direct hits in yard, resulting in one L/Y damaged. Six bombs fell in building area adjacent to yard, causing four buildings destroyed and two damaged, and starting two fires. 9 GPs dropped on one loco and 25 oil and box cars headed east at R-856044; two box cars destroyed, two oil cars blew up (destroyed), one loco damaged, 15 cars damaged, one rail cut, and one road bridge destroyed. 3 GPs dropped on radio tower and station at R-818387; tower damaged by strafing, but bomb results not observed. 6 GPs dropped on one loco and 20 box cars at R-850404; direct hits observed on cars, with three cars destroyed, 4 damaged; locomotive also damaged, and one rail cut. 6 GPs on east end of tunnel at R-797148, with three hits above opening of tunnel; on pass after bombing, debris observed in mouth of tunnel; believed tunnel damaged. Three of the bombs fell short of the rails, causing one rail cut. One locomotive and eight passenger cars headed SW at R-825965 were strafed; loco and cars damaged, and an estimated 150 personnel killed in several strafing passes. One H/D cart damaged by strafing at the same point. One automobile damaged by strafing at R-845025. One H/D cart

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strafed and damaged at R-594126. 10 H/D artillery pieces headed east at R-545623 were strafed and damaged, with 20 horses and 10 personnel killed. Observations on missions included: at R-4307, seven barrage ballons at 1,000 ft; at R-765136, one loco and 30 cars headed east, steam up; at R-2393, 25 box cars; at R-9786, two dummy biplanes on ground; at R-8620, A/D, one twin engine plane on ground, field appeared to be active; at same point, small M/Y appeared in use, but almost empty. Flak: scant heavy at Wissembourg; moderate light at R-8140; and intense light at R-8620. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: heavy haze and fog from 7500 feet up, top unknown; haze and fog on deck in hills area; visibility 1/4 mile at 13,000 feet; visibility underneath, 8 - 10 miles. Time down 1025.

(A.C. 16) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0806 hours to dive bomb RR bridge at R-988829 and to conduct armed recce from bridge to Bietigheim to Karlsruhe. Squadron carried 36 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Ludwigshafen to target to base. In target area, 0945 to 0955 hours. Squadron was broken up going through thick overcast, which had some small holes in it. Red and Yellow flights, which became separated from white flight, dropped 19 bombs on an unknown town in the vicinity of Stuttgart; no resutls were observed. 12 bombs were dropped on the target, the bridge at R-988829; several near misses between the bridge and tunnel resulted in the tracks being cut; one building was destroyed at R-987830. The other six bombs were dropped on a loco and 60 box cars at R-9984, facing south; the locomotive was destroyed by direct hit. Attacks and claims along the recce route include: loco and 25 cars at R-4737 moving south, 10 cars damaged by strafing; loco and 15 cars at S-2835, facing south with steam up, locomotive damaged by strafing; one M/T moving NW at R-4535, destroyed by strafing; and one M/T moving south at R-993833, damaged by strafing. Scant, inaccurate light flak at R-9984. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 10/10th, base 7,000 feet, tops 20,000 feet; visibility 1000 yards in clouds, 3/4 miles below. Down at base, 1018 hours.

(A.C.17). 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0814 hours to cut rails between R-8840 and R-9941 and to conduct armed reconnaissance. Squadron carried 36 x 500# GP bombs. Course flown was base to five miles east of Laverne to base. Squadron contacted Baggage, who said the weather was very bad in the target area, so the squadron returned to base. All bombs were returned. Weather: 10/10ths, bottom 4500 feet, tops unknown; visibility 1 mile; heavy ground fog and haze, which looked worse to the east. Down at base, 0910 hours.

B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
4 a/c dropped bombs on M/Y at Bruschal.
3 a/c dropped bombs on 1 loco and 25 oil and box cars headed east at R-856404.
1 a/c dropped bombs on radio tower and station at R-818387.
2 a/c dropped bombs on 1 loco and 20 box cars at R-850404.

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2 a/c dropped bombs on east end of tunnel at R-797148.
12 A/C strafed the following:-
Radio tower and station at R-818387.
Loco and 8 passenger cars at R-825965.
One H/D cart at R-825965.
One H/D cart at R-594126.
One Automobile at R-845025.
One H/D cart at R-594126.
10 H/D artillery pieces at R-545633
6 A/C dropped bombs on an unknown town in the vicinity of Stuttgart.
4 A/C dropped bombs on target, bridge at R-988829.
2 A/C dropped bombs on a loco and 60 box cars at R-9984.
12 A/C strafed the following:-
Loco and 25 cars at R-4737.
Loco and 15 cars at S-2835.
One M/T moving NW at R-4535.
One M/T moving south at R-993833.
24 A/C completed missions.

(iii) 12 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Weather- 12 a/c
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 70:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 11,945 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 108 - 500# GP bombs, fused nose, M103; tail, M101A2.
(ii) 72 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
12 GPs on M/T at Bruschal.
9 GPs dropped on loco and 25 oil cars at R-856404.
3 GPs dropped on radio tower and station at R-818387.
6 GPs dropped on loco and 20 box cars at R-850404.
6 GPs on east end of tunnel at R-797148.
18 GPs on an unknown town vicinity of Stuttgart.
12 GPs on bridge at R-988829.
6 GPs on loco and 60 box cars at R-9984.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
36 - 500# GP bombs returned to base, because of weather.

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G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 6

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 7
c) Damaged, 37

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads cut, 1

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
c) Damaged, 12

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims;
Radio tower and station damaged.
Horses killed, 23
Enemy personnel destroyed, 164.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

31 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U. S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET

1. Cprep A No. 151 for 24 hours ending Sunset 30 January 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond E. Long

RAYMOND E. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 30 JAN. 1945 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - -

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Grpup Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th
Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 30 Jan 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature

W. L. ROBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'.

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 106 for 24 hours ending sunset, 30 January, '45. S[redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3677, TR/9/30/5.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0920-1045. To recce Strassbourg-V-8843 area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0945-1010. WEATHER: Heavy haze 1-9000'.
B. (i) 2/F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-V-8843 area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 50 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION.

OPERATIONS NO. 3678, TR/12/30/8. ABORTIVE.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0930-1015.
B. (iii) Abortive due to weather. (iv)-(viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3679, TR/1/30/1.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1000-1130. To recce Strassbourg-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045-1115. WEATHER: 10/10 3000', lowering to 800' Rhine-hazy.
B. (i) 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Bitche area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) nd (iii).
F. Nil. F. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3680, TR/5/30/3.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1055-1130. To recce Saargemund-Saarbrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 MT mvg. north at -5260. Roads in Saarbrucken area appear well used. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1110-1120. WEATHER:10/10 3000' lowering to 1000' at Hardt mts.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Saarbrucken. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii)2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr. 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. CANTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

30 January 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force(Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF: [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 137 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 30 January 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 351 TR/15/30/15

A. 2 F6Cs from 0900-1035. To recce in Area "C" OBSERVATIONS: Smoke from 15 factories in Saarbrucken. M/Y SW side Saarbrucken 1/3 full, no activity. M/Y NE side of Saarbrucken 1/4 full, no activity. NMS-Saarlautern-Saarbrucken. Saarlautern, M/Y 1/2 full, no activity. 3 large bellow chimneys N& side Saarlautern smoking. NMS from Saarbrucken-Neukirchen. M/Y Q-5476 1/2 full all snow covered, no activity. 5 to 10 factory chimneys smoking at Neunkirchen. St. Wendell M/Y 1/2 full, box cars not covered with snow. Homburg 1/2 full, snow covered, no activity. RR tracks appear cut at 6966. Zweibrucken M/Y 1/2 full, no activity. Pirmasens M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. ENEMY AIR: 1 ME at 7000 ft. moving N at Q-7666 at 1000 hrs--gave chase--ME went into overcast. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-H at Hornbach and Q-6975. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0915-1015. WEATHER: 10/10 at 7500 base, vis 3 miles with heavy haze caused by factory smoke.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 352 TR/18/30/18

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 0855-1025. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Neustadt 3/4 full all snow covered. 1 train W/O cars, no S/U STAT facing E at R-3786. Called to Baggage. M/Y Landau 1/3 full all snow covered. 10 M/T moving S at R-1546. Zwibrucken M/Y 1/4 full all snow covered. Kaiserlautern unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H, Zweibrucken; S-I-H, Landau. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0915-1005. WEATHER: 10/10 7000'.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 353 TR/3/30/11

A. 2 F6Cs from 0855-1100. To recce in "Route 2". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y SE Karlsruhe 1/5 full, 2 switch engines S/U in yard. 1 train, 30 box-cars, moving W into Karlsruhe at R-5346. (called in to controller). 1 Train, 50 box cars, STAT, facing E at R-6140. (called in to controller). M/Y at Pflrzheim 1/3 full, not snow covered. 1 train 40 box cars, moving E at R-8014. 1 damaged loco, 6 damaged cars of 15 car train facing E at R-7436. Large radio tower vic R-3042. A/D at Sachsenheim is serviceable, runway E of field facing N. M/Y at S-0635, 1/2 full, 1 switch engine S/U . 1 train 100 cars moving NE at S-0773. Called controller, but could not reach. All Rd. bridges between S-0240 and Mannheim on Neckar River appear to be serviceable. 30 box cars snow covered at R-9492, R-9197.1 train 20 box cars moving E at S-0184. 1 train 40 box cars moving N at R-7687. M/Y Heidelberg 1/3 full, 2 switch engines. 1 train, 100 box cars moving N at R-6091. Called Controller, but could not reach. 3 trains, 6 cars, each moving S between Mannheim and Karlsruhe. 1 train 70 cars moving S at R-6084. Called to controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: I-A-I, R-8540.; I-M-H, Mannheim and R-8167; I-M-L, Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0930-1040. WEATHER: Haze, moderate to heavy from 3000 ft up in T/G area.
B. 2 F6Cs. (ii) 2 attacking "Route 2". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 354 TR/ 7/30/13

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6D from 0900-1005. To recce in Area "Route 4". OBSERVATIONS: 20 coal cars not loaded, snow covered at W-0360. 30 box cars snow covered at W-0358. NWS Offenburg W-0946. Developped engine trouble and returned to base. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 0920-0935. WEATHER: Rhine valley 10/10 at 5500-6000. E of Freibu rg 10/10 at 4500 ft.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking "Route 4". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 305 for 24 hours ending sunset
30 January 1945

NEGATIVE REPORT

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: ~~1/30/45~~ [redacted]

OPERATIONAL No. 533 for the 24 hours Ending Sunset 30 January 1945.

A. Three Beaufighters airborne on Intruder Missions. First Intruder Mission 17:40 to 20:00 hrs. in Wissembourg - Landau - Karlsruhe - Stuttgart area. Target area solid overcast. Nothing observed. Second Intruder Mission 23:35 to 01:35 in Wissembourg - Landau - Karlsruhe - Stuttgart area. Destroyed 3 M/T and Damaged 2 M/T at R 2760. Destroyed 3 M/T and Damaged 3 M/T at R 3760. Damaged 1 M/T at R 3217. Fired at bridge at W 7185, no results observed. Stooged around airfield at R 9410. No sightings of activity there but runway seemed to be in use. At 00:10 Hrs. halfway between Wissembourg and Landau sighted amber lights at 2000 ft. One light was 20 to 50 ft. above the other and of about 30 second duration. Lights were about a foot in diameter. 1000 ft. away and following Beaufighter. Lights disappeared when Beaufighter turned into them. No rail activity observed anywhere in target area. Convoys were moving in southerly and easterly directions. Third Intruder in same target area from 01:40 to 03:20. Dropped leaflets for enemy troops at Q 7855. Dropped leaflets at Ludwigshaven and at Karlsruhe. Strafed 1 M/T at R-4955. While strafing, observer sighted what was thought to be a single engine aircraft. Beaufighter dove to the deck and took evasive action, losing the Bandit. No results observed on M/T.

B. (i) Three Beaufighters Mark VI. Al Mark VIII
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Three

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 6:00

E. (i) 3000 x 20MM
12000 x .303
(ii) 740 x 20MM
2070 x .303
(iii) None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. 6 M/T Destroyed
6 M/T Damaged

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

17 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 214 for the period ending Sunset 15 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 17,18,19,20,21,22,25,23,26. Armed Reconnaissance.

A. A.O.17 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0714 hours on A/R. Squadron carried 1 x 500# GP, instantaneous, 23 x 500# GP, 4-5 second delay, and 6 x 460# Incendiaries. 1 incendiary was dropped 1/2 mile west of base, causing no damage. Route flown was base to Homburg to Kaiserslautern to Landau to Wissembourg to base. In target areas 0740 - 0845. 4 GPs were dropped on a train at [illegible]-9090, consisting of 1 loco and 40 plus box cars, train going west; bombs missed, but train was stopped by strafing -- 1 loco damaged. 2 GPs were dropped on a train headed NW at [illegible]-6882 -- 1 loco destroyed and 1 rail cut. 5 GPs were dropped on a train headed E at [illegible]-7385 -- 1 loco and 5 box cars destroyed. 3 GPs dropped on loco on rail spur at R-0292 -- 1 loco destroyed. 10 GPs and 5 incendiaries were dropped on M/Y at Kaiserslautern; 1 incendiary landed on repair sheds at E end of yard; repair sheds also strafed -- 2 locos and 20 cars destroyed; 1 loco damaged; 1 repair shed claimed damaged. Strafing attacks elsewhere, with claims, included: 1 loco and 20 box cars headed W at R-1793 -- 1 loco and 3 cars damaged; 1 loco and 6 cars headed W at R-2885 -- loco and 3 cars damaged; 1 loco and 3 passenger cars headed W at R-4085 -- all damaged; 1 loco and 2 box cars sitting on track at R-3184, facing N -- 1 loco and 2 cars damaged; 1 loco and 10 plus box cars at R-0994 -- 1 loco and 5 cars damaged; and 1 loco and 10 cars facing E at R-3072 -- 1 loco damaged. Observations: a large PW camp at [illegible]-8791; 300 plus box cars and 3 locos in M/Y at Kaiserslautern. No e/a encountered, no loss, Flak: intense light at R-3072; scant light at R-4085. Weather:

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Very heavy haze below 10,000 ft, with ground fog in all valleys; vis up sun 1 mile, down sun 4 - 5 miles. Down at base 0916 hours.

A.O.18. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1250 hours to conduct A/R of Area #2. 10 a/c carried 3 x 500# GPs each, and 2 a/c carried 2 x 500# GPs each. Followed route of base to Homburg to Kaiserslautern to Landau to Neustadt to Germersheim to base. Time in target areas, 1125 - 1220. 16 GPs dropped on A/Y at Landau - 2 locos destroyed, 3 rail sheds destroyed, 10 box cars destroyed, 1 repair shed destroyed (burned), 1 loco damaged. 4 bombs were dropped on a loco at R-4163 - 1 loco destroyed, 1 rail cut. 6 GPs dropped on 30 box cars at R-4055 - 5 cars destroyed, 5 cars damaged, 1 rail cut. 5 GPs dropped on 20 box cars at R-4165 - 2 cars destroyed, 2 cars damaged, 1 rail cut. 1 GP on 2 box cars at R-5458 - both cars destroyed. 1 GP fell of over target area and exploded in the air; another bomb was on a P-47 when it went in and exploded (see losses). Strafing attacks elsewhere, with claims, included: 1 M/T at R-2567 - destroyed; 1 small truck headed NE at R-3850 - destroyed; MT tracks 6 miles N and S of R-4055 - 40 box cars damaged, 1 loco damaged headed S. Observations: many small fires along rails in small A/Y at R-4055 - looked as though a cluster of incendiaries had been dropped; large fire, looked like oil, burning at Otterburg (R-0200). Flak: intense light at Neustadt, Landau and R-2983. 1 P-47 lost and pilot, Lt. Allard MIA - plane went into ground and exploded; either it was hit by a bomb blast when strafing, or it was hit by flak and pilot lost control. No e/a encountered. Weather: CAVU. Down 1250 hours.

A.O.19. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0850 hours to conduct A/R of area #7. 4 a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs each, and 8 a/c carried 2 x 500# GP bombs and 1 x 460 incendiary each. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Bruschal to Sachsenheim A/F to base. In target area 0920 - 1030 hours. All bombs were dropped on Sachsenheim A/F (R-9740); 2 GPs scored direct hits on runway, and 26 GPs and 8 incendiaries landed in NW revetment area where there were 5 He-111's and 1 Ju-88. 1 He-111 was destroyed by 2 direct hits, which also damaged the Ju-88; another direct hit also destroyed a He-111. In a follow-up strafing attack, 2 He-111's were destroyed (left burning); 1 He-111 was damaged, and 1 Me-109 in center of field was also damaged. 2 Me-109's were seen on east side of field. Strafing attacks elsewhere, with claims, included: 2 trains, 1 consisting of 1 loco and 10 passenger cars and the other of 1 loco and 10 box cars, facing W at S-025368 - 2 locos and all cars damaged; 75 box cars in M/Y at S-025396 - 2 cars destroyed (burned) and 30 cars damaged; 2 M/D vehicles and 2 tractors at S-029391 - all damaged; and a town at R-9445 - 5 buildings damaged. Observations: 6 locos with steam

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up in Karlsruhe M/Y; large fires in buildings at Bruschal M/Y, 0930 hours; oil smoke rising from town at [redacted]-0361; 1 loco and 25 box cars headed W at R-882407. 2 Me-262's passed over squadron at R-9740, headed W, at 0940 hours; e/a were at 8,500 ft, our squadron at 8,000 ft. Flak: intense light and moderate heavy at R-9740. No losses. Weather: CAVU. Down 1115 hours.

A.C.20 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0839 hours to conduct A/R, with alternate target at [redacted]-949527. Squadron carried 28 x 500# GPs and 8 x 460# incendiaries. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to base. Time over target, 0920 - 0950. When squadron had hit first leg of recce, they were told by "Baggage" that there were bandits in the Karlsruhe area at about 15,000 ft and heading E. Squadron contacted about 15 Me-109's, E's and G's, OD in color, at this point. 27 GPs and 8 Incendiaries were jettisoned armed just prior to the dog fight at a point 8 to 10 miles SE of Karlsruhe, with no results observed; 1 GP failed to release and was returned to base. When e/a were encountered, they were flying in flights of four at various altitudes ranging from 14,000 to 24,000 ft. The claims made by individual pilots from this encounter are as follows: F/O Everitt - 1 Me-109 destroyed (enemy bellied in and was strafed twice) and 1 Me-109 damaged; Lt. Stevens - 1 Me-109 destroyed (enemy pilot bailed out); F/O Martin - 1 Me-109 destroyed (enemy pilot bailed out and chute failed to open); Lt. Schriber - 1 Me-109 damaged; Lt. Ward - 1 Me-109 probably destroyed; F/O Cassidy - 1 Me-109 damaged. F/O Everitt, while chasing an e/a, spotted an enemy A/F at R-8520 with about 16 Me-109's on it; he strafed and damaged 2 of them on the ground. It is believed that the e/a contacted in this fight were trying to get to this airfield, as they continued to circle it. All of this was called to "Baggage". The total claims of e/a are 3-1-3 in air, 0-0-2 on ground. The following claims are made for strafing attacks: 1 staff car moving W at W-2593 - destroyed; 1 gas truck moving E at W-0892 - destroyed; 1 M/T moving E at W-2594 - damaged; 1 tank moving W at W-2495 - damaged; 1 warehouse at W-2199 - damaged; 1 light gun position at W-0163 - no claim. Flak: scant heavy and intense light at R-8520. No losses. Weather: CAVU. Down 1039 hours.

A.C.21 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1132 hours to conduct A/R of area #7. 10 a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs, and 1 a/c carried 2 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Wissembourg to Saarguemines to target ([redacted]-5766) to base; recce of area #7 was not completed. Time in target area, 1230 - 1330 hours. "Baggage" contacted squadron and told them to go to Saarguemines and there to contact "Pelican". "Pelican" said that there were 100 plus M/Ts and tanks in the wooded area at [redacted]-5766, area being marked with smoke. 29 GPs were dropped on wooded area at [redacted]-5766, with a good concentration of hits, but results not observed. At request of "Pelican",

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squadron made two strafing passes at the wooded area and roads. 3 GPs were dropped in the wooded area at R-6066; these were the wrong woods and were dropped by mistake - no claims. Observations: about 20 M/Ts, not moving, at R-6364, with cerise panels; identity not known; they were not attacked. Flak: scant light at R-5766. No e/a encountered. No losses. Weather: CAVU. Down 1353 hours.

A.C.22 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1210 hours to dive bomb and perform A/A in area #7. 11 a/c each carried 3 x 500# GP bombs and 1 a/c carried 2 x 500# GP bombs. Recce in area #7 was completed. T.O.T. 1250 - 1400 hours. 12 GPs dropped on M/Y at R-795909, where 1 loco and 15 passenger cars facing S were observed - M/Y damaged and 10 buildings in adjacent town destroyed. In the same area, 1 loco and 15 passenger cars were damagedby strafing. 11 GPs dropped at R-922948, where 1 loco and 15 passenger cars were facing W - 1 rail cut, 1 road block block. In same area, 5 cars were damaged by strafing. 5 GPs dropped at S-057598, where 1 loco and 15 box cars were moving S - 1 rail cut. In same area, 1 loco and 4 box cars damaged by strafing. 6 GPs dropped at S-030518, where 1 loco and 10 box cars were moving S into tunnel; 3 direct hits on the cars destroying them, 2 rail cuts. 1 bomb hung up and fell of at S-057598. Observations along route: between Karlsruhe and Heidelberg, no activity; 1 loco, no steam, and 20 box cars, heading S at R-974890; 2 locos (no cars) in M/Y at S-045710; 1 loco facing S at S-0354; 1 loco, 15 box cars, facing W, at R-980611; 1 loco and 20 cars moving E at R-860405; 1 loco, steam up, facing N at R-6041. Flak: nil. No e/a encountered, no losses. Weather: CAVU. Down 1430 hours.

A.C.23 12 P-47s of 358th Group (4 from each squadron) dispatched at 1040 hours to conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Hockenheim (R-5980) to Schwetzingen (R-6187) to base. In target area, 1115 - 1215 hours. 32 GPs were dropped on M/Y at Hockenheim, which contained 2 locos and 70 box cars; 18 bombs fell in yard - 1 loco and 18 box cars destroyed; 1 loco, 27 box cars and 1 M/Y damaged; there were large explosions from train, followed by fires. 2 GPs were dropped on M/Y at R-6790 - 5 box cars destroyed and M/Y damaged. 2 GPs dropped on M/Y at R-6187, which contained a train (1 loco and 40 box cars) and 75 other box cars; M/Y also strafed - 3 cars destroyed, 10 cars damaged, 1 loco damaged. Strafing attacks elsewhere, with claims, included: 4 M/Ts headed W at R-6073 - all destroyed; 1 staff car at R-5881 - destroyed; 2 M/Ts headed W at R-6678 - both destroyed; and 1 staff car headed S at R-6679 - destroyed. No e/a encountered. Flak: scant light at R-5980 and R-6187; intense light at R-6790. No losses. Weather: CAVU. Down 1255 hours.

A.C.25 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1530 hours to conduct A/R of area #7. Each aircraft carried 2 x 500# GP bombs

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and 8 a/c carried, in addition, 1 x 750# (75 gallon) Napalm bomb each. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to Heidelburg to Eberbach to base. Time over target, 1615 - 1710 hours. Loco and 20 box cars moving S at R-9983, were bombed with 10 GPs; no bomb hits, but damage resulted from strafing - 1 loco and 20 cars damaged. 2 GPs were dropped on loco going E at R-9574 - no bomb hits, but loco was damaged by strafing. 4 Napalms were dropped on loco (with steam up) and unknown number of box and oil cars headed S in a small M/Y at R-999845; 2 hits on loco, and 2 hits on oil cars, but resulting fires were from the Napalms only - 1 loco, 10 box cars damaged. 4 Napalms dropped on 1 loco and 10 box cars moving NW at S-0281; 2 Napalms landed on 2 sheds, but sheds did not burn; damage to train resulted from strafing - 1 loco destroyed, 10 cars damaged. 11 GPs dropped on 1 loco and 7 passenger cars moving W at R-930835 - 1 loco destroyed by direct hits, 7 cars damaged. 1 rail cut. 1 GP was jettisoned armed at R-1330 after it had hung up over the target. The following observations were made along the route: 15 barges in a river at R-9585; 6 locos with steam up at Heilbronn M/Y; no activity in Bruschal or Karlsruhe M/Y's. Flak: scant heavy at Germersheim, scant heavy at R-3843, and scant light at R-999845. Losses: 1 a/c damaged, Cat 1, flak. No e/a seen. Weather: CAVU. Down 1800 hours.

A.O.26 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1656 hours to perform A/A. Each a/c carried 2 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Sarreguemines to Homburg to Neunkirchen to base. T.O.T. 1720 - 1750 hours. "Baggage" told squadron to attack train 7 of Homburg, but squadron could not find it. 2 GPs were dropped on 12-15 box cars at S-6779 - all missed, no claim. 6 GPs dropped on M/Y at S-6674, where 40 box cars, but no locos were seen in the yard; 2 bombs fell in the M/Y, 2 failed to explode, 1 GP scored a direct hit on box cars - claim 1 rail cut, 1 M/Y damaged, 3 box cars destroyed. In same yard squadron damaged 10 box cars by strafing. 6 GPs dropped on M/Y at S-6776; 4 hits fell in the yard and 2 were misses - 1 loco destroyed, 1 M/Y damaged. The number of cars in this yard could not be determined because of darkness. 4 GPs dropped on M/Y at S-8388, where 30-40 cars, but no locos were observed - 4 box cars destroyed, 2 buildings destroyed, 1 M/Y damaged. In the same area, 20 box cars were damaged by strafing. 4 GPs dropped on tracks at S-7987 - 1 rail cut. 1 a/c aborted, mechanical, and returned to base with its bombs. Observations: numerous fires in M/Y at Neunkirchen; 9 buildings at S-6776, believed to be supply depots. Flak: weak, light at S-6779, S-7089; moderate, light at S-8388. No e/a encountered. No losses. Weather: no cloud, visibility 3-4 miles. Down at base: 1800 hours.

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B. (i) 107 F-47s dispatched
(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
1 loco, 40 cars going W, also strafed at Q-9090.
1 train headed NW at Q-6382
1 train headed E at Q-7385
1 loco on rail spur at R-0292
M/Y at Kaiserslautern, also strafed.
Strafed: 1 loco, 20 box cars headed W at R-3278.
1 loco, 10 box cars headed W at R-1793.
1 loco, 6 box cars headed W at R-2885.
1 loco, 3 passenger cars W at R-4085.
1 loco, 2 box cars sitting on track at R-0994. 1 loco, 10 cars facing W at R-3072.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Landau
Loco at R-4163
30 box cars at R-4055
20 box cars at R-4165
2 box cars at R-5458
Strafed: M/T at R-2567; 1 small truck headed NE at R-3858; RR tracks 6 mi N & S of R-4055 - 40 box cars and 1 loco headed S.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Sachsenheim A/F (R-9740) also strafed.
Strafed: 2 trains (2 locos & 10 passenger cars & 10 box cars facing W at S-025368.
75 box cars in M/Y at S-025396.
2 M/U vehicles and 2 tractors at S-029391.
5 buildings in Town at R-9445.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Jettisoned 8-10 mi SE of Karlsruhe.
Strafed: A/F at R-8520; 1 staff car moving W at W-2593; 1 gas truck moving E at W-0892; 1 M/T moving E at W-2594; 1 tank moving W at W-2495; 1 warehouse at W-2199; 1 light gun at W-0163.

11 a/c dropped the following:-
wooded area at Q-5766, also strafed.
wooded area at Q-6066.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at R-795909, loco & 15 pass. cars facing S, strafed.
R-922948, loco & 15 cars facing W, also strafed.
S-057598, loco & 15 cars moving S, also strafed.
S-030518, loco & 10 cars moving into tunnel.
S-057598, 1 GP hung up and fell off.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Rockenheim (R-5980) 2 locos & 70 box cars.
M/Y at R-6790
M/Y at R-6187, 1 loco and 115 box cars.
Strafed: 4 M/Ts headed W at R-6073; 1 staff car at R-6679 headed S.

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12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
R-9983 - 1 loco & 20 box cars, also strafed.
R-9574 - 1 loco going E, also strafed.
R-999845 - loco & oil & box cars headed S in M/Y.
S-0281 - 1 loco & 10 box cars moving NW.
R-930835 - loco & 7 pass. cars moving W.
R-1330 - 1 GP jettisoned.
12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
[redacted]-6779 - 12 - 15 box cars.
[redacted]-6674 - M/Y with 40 box cars, also strafed.
[redacted]-6776 - M/Y
[redacted]-8388 - M/Y with 30-40 cars, also strafed.
[redacted]-7987 - RR tracks (106 a/c completed mission)

(iii) 1 a/c abortive due to:-
c) mechanical - rough engine.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) P-47D-28RA 42-28982. believed by flak at R-3069.

(vii) 1 a/c damaged: Cat 1, flak.

(viii) 106

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 246:05
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 256,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 85,705 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 260 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail, M113-M101 (12);M16 4-5s.
22 - 460# Incendiary (M-17) fuze time, M138;
8 - 500# Napalm (75 gallon)

(ii) 227 GPs, 13 Incendiaries, and 8 Napalms expended:-
4 GPs on train at [redacted]-9090 going W.
2 GPs on train at [redacted]-6882 going NW.
5 GPs on train at [redacted]-7385 going E.
3 GPs on loco at R-0292
10 GPs and 5 Incendiaries on M/Y at Kaiserslautern.
16 GPs on M/Y at Landau.
4 GPs on loco at R-4163.
6 GPs on 30 box cars at R-4055.
5 GPs on 20 box cars at R-4165.
1 GP on 2 box cars at R-4165.
28 GPs and 8 Incendiaries on Sachsenheim A/F.
29 GPs on wooded area at [redacted]-5766.
3 GPs on wooded area at [redacted]-6066.
11 GPs on loco & 15 pass. cars facing W at R-922948.
5 GPs on loco & 15 box cars moving S at S-057598.
6 GPs on loco & 10 box cars moving S at S-030518.
1 GP dropped at S-057598.

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32 GPs on M/Y at Rockenheim.
2 GPs on M/Y at R-6790.
2 GPs on M/Y at R-6187.
10 GPs on loco & 20 box cars moving N at R-9983.
2 GPs on loco going E at R-9574.
4 Napalms on loco and oil & box cars headed S at R-979845 - a small M/Y.
4 Napalms on loco & 10 box cars moving NW at S-0281.
11 GPs on loco & 7 pass. cars moving W at R-930835.
2 GPs on 12-15 box cars at [redacted]-6779.
6 GPs on M/Y at [redacted]-6674. (2 failed to explode)
6 GPs on M/Y at [redacted]-6776.
4 GPs on M/Y at [redacted]-8388.
4 GPs on tracks at [redacted]-7987.

(iii) 27 GPs and 8 Incendiaries jettisoned armed 8-10 mi SE of Karlsruhe when bounced by e/a.
1 GP jettisoned armed at R-1330.

(iv) 1 GP lost on crashed a/c.
1 GP exploded in air.
3 GPs returned to base.
1 Incendiary fell of ½ mile from base.

G. 1st Lt. SCOTT R. ALLARD, O-762193, MIA, 366th Fitr Sqdn. Believe he was hit by flak, went into ground and exploded at R-3069.

H. (i) Des. 7 a/c destroyed (3 in air, 4 on ground)
F/O JERRALD P EVORITT, T-2944, 367th Sqdn., in air, Me-109.
F/O RICHARD B MARTIN, T-144263, 367th Sq., in air, Me-109.
Lt. ROGER C STEVENS, O-808758, 367th Sq., in air, Me-109.
Capt. HOWARD L GURLEY, O-675696, 365th Sq., ground,(2) Me-111
Lt. DONALD E MOCKLER, O-710151, 365th Sq., ground,(2) Me-111

(ii) P/D 1 a/c in air:- Lt. ROBERT E WARD, O-815435, Me-109,367th.

(iii) Dam. 8 a/c (3 in air, 5 on ground)
F/O JERRALD P EVORITT,T-2944, 367th Sq., in air (1) Me-109. on ground (2) Me-109.
Lt. DONALD W. SCHREIBER, O-766720, 367th sq., in air, Me-109.
F/O CHARLES W CASSIDY, T-125432, 367th Sq., in air, Me-109.
Lt. DONALD E MOCKLER, O-710151, 365th Sq., ground, Me-111.
Lt. MICHAEL M ESSER, O-710078, 365th Sq., ground, Me-109.
Capt. HOWARD L GURLEY, O-675696, 365th Sq., ground, Ju-88.

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 12
c) 1
2. Armored Vehicles & Tanks
c) 1
3. Locomotives
a) 12
c) 22
4. Railroad Cars
a) 83
c) 255
9. Factories & Miscellaneous Buildings
a) 15 b) 1 c) 6

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11. Railroads Cut
    a) 16
13. Horse Drawn Vehicles
    c) 4
14. M/Y Attacked
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15. A/F Attacked
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4. Operation No.: A.O. 24 and 28. RR Bridge bombing missions.

A. A.O.24 11 P-47s of 358th Group (4 from 365th Sqdn, 4 from 366th Sqdn, 3 from 367th Sqdn) dispatched at 1355 hours to bomb RR bridges at R-058337 and R-163423. Squadron carried 23 x 500# GP bombs and 6 x 1000# GP bombs. Followed route of base to targets to base. Time in target areas, 1435 - 1520 hours. 12 x 500# GPs and 6 x 1000# GPs were dropped on bridge at R-058337; all 500's were misses, 2 x 1000's were near misses on NW bank, and 2 x 1000's were near misses on SE bank - bridge was not damaged and no claims are made. 11 x 500 GPs were dropped on steel bridge at R-1744 - bridge destroyed and 1 rail cut. No observations along route. Two jet a/c seen at 25,000 ft, 1520 hours, in target area, headed W; "Baggage" reported them last over Luneville . No flak, no losses. Weather: CAVU. Down 1550 hours.

A.O.28 11 P-47s of 358th Group (4 from 365th Sqdn, 4 from 366th Sqdn, 3 from 367th Sqdn) dispatched at 1650 hours to bomb RR bridge at R-058337 and to cut rails. Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to R-0633 to base. In target area, 1710 - 1745. 22 GPs were dropped on primary target, RR bridge at R-058337; no direct hits, but numerous near misses, which cut the tracks in two places - 1 cut on the N approach and 1 cut on the S approach. 2 GPs were dropped on tracks at R-0636 1 rail cut. 9 GPs were dropped on tracks at R-1137 and R-0937 - tracks cut at both points. 2 M/T going W at R-0435 were strafed both destroyed. No e/a encountered. Flak: intense light at R-0236; moderate light at R-0633; and scant light at R-1030. No losses. Weather: CAVU, except slight haze. Down 1845 hours.

B. (i) 22 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 22 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
RR bridge at R-058337
RR bridge at R-1744
Tracks at R-1137, R-0937, R-0636.
Strafed 2 M/Ts going W R-0435.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 22

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

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D. (i) 46:10
(ii) Nil

F. (i) 56 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail, M113, PD M16 (4-5 sec.)
6 - 1000# GP bombs, fused - nose, M103; tail, M102.
(ii) All bombs dropped as follows:-
12 x 500 GPs & 6 x 1000 GPs on bridge at R-058337.
11 x 500 GPs on bridge at R-1744.
22 x 500 GPs on bridge at R-058337.
2 x 500 GPs on tracks at R-0636.
9 x 500 GPs on tracks at R-1137 & R-0937.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

E. (i) 52,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,480 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 2
5. Bridges
a) 1
11. RR Cuts
a) 9

4. Operation No:- A.C. 15 and 16. Escort Medium Bombers.

A. A.C. 15 12 P-47s of 360th Sqdn dispatched at 1409 hours to escort B-26's to target at R-517828. Our a/c carried no external load. Followed route of base to Erstein to Offenberg to Freudenstadt (R-517828) to Zell to base. Time in target area, 1425 - 1530 hours. Bombers were in good formation and released a good pattern of bombs. Smoke prevented determining whether bridge was hit. None of the bombers in difficulty. Observations along route: 75-100 cars in M/Y at Norb (R-7184) no locos: at R-5379, a great many new boxes observed along side of M/Y. Flak: weak, heavy at R-2277. No losses. 1 twin engine jet aircraft followed bombers along route from Erstein to Offenburg at 27,000 ft. No contact made. Weather: very thin cirrus layer, high; visibility unlimited. Down 1535 hrs.

A.C. 16 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1445 hours to escort B-26's attacking bridge at R-517838. Time with bombers was from 1500 to 1543 hours. Route flown was from base to Luneville to target (R-517838) to Epinal to base. Squadron made R/V with bombers at Luneville at 1500 hours, at 9,000 ft. They then flew briefed course to target. The bombers dropped their bombs at 1525 hours and had an excellent concentration on the bridge, but smoke prevented any further observation.

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Squadron withdrew from escort at Epinal at 1548 hours, 11,000 ft. there was no flak, no claims, no e/a seen, no losses. Weather: CAVU. Down at base 1625 hours.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispathed.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 42:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
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APO 374, U S ARMY
16 February 1945.

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SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 280.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 280 for 24 hours ending sunset 15 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1323 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Col. Case leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered over Offenburg. Time down at A-96, 1450 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0736 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Reiff leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 2 x 500 lb. and 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on an ammunition factory at R-393551. 6 buildings were destroyed at 398550. 4 x 460lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Bruschal. 6 box cars were destroyed, 30 box cars damaged. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on 50 plus armored vehicles at R-610610, 10 were destroyed and 15 were damaged. 1 locomotive, 6 box cars were str fed and damaged at R-5573. 1 locomotive, 1 passenger car strafed and damaged at R-6853. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at R-5462, 3 railcuts were scored, 3 buildings were destroyed. 20 ME-109's jumped the squadron at R-4705. A dog fight following in which 2 ME-109's were destroyed, 1 probably destroyed, and 2 damaged. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at R-5462. Time down at A-96, 1003 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0752 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Hopp leading. 14 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on rails at W-168900, W-165896, W-162886, scoring 1 railcut at each coordinate. At W-162886, 2 oil tanks, 5 RR cars were destroyed. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at W-171827, scoring 2 railcuts. 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped in a M/Y at W-165840, 200 RR cars were destroyed, 200 damaged and 2 buildings were destroyed. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at W-172827. Time down at A-96, 0932 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1106 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on an ammunition factory at R-393551. 2 large buildings disintegrated with a terrific blast, many fires were started, the entire target was demolished. 10 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs, 14 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped in a M/Y at Ludwigshafer, all bombs were direct hits. 1 M/Y was damaged, 150 box cars were destroyed, 75 box cars damaged. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Ludwigshafen. Time down at A-96, 1308.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1037 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Hutchinson leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a supply dump at Q-935762. 9 direct hits damaged 10 sheds and destroyed 10 buildings in the supply dump. 7 bombs fell into an adjacent town and destroyed 7 buildings. 6 x 460 l.b. M-17 bombs were dropped here also. 2 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on a supply dump at Q-944758 destroying 10 sheds and starting many fires. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1205 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1134 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. and 2 x 460 lb. and 36 x 4.5 rockets were dropped on a M/Y at R-027671, damaging the marshalling yard, destroying 15 RR cars, damaging 5 RR cars, damaging 1 locomotive and destroying 2 buildings. 6 x 460 lb. bombs were dropped on a supply dump at WQ-906643 destroying 5 buildings. 6 buildings were destroyed in an adjacent town, supply dump was completely destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, light flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1340 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 0803 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs at L-500121, 1 locomotive was damaged, 4 RR cars were destroyed, 2 RR cars damaged, 1 railcut scored. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at L-518105, 1 locomotive was destroyed, 15 RR cars destroyed, 10 RR cars damaged, 5 buildings destroyed, 6 x 460 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y and town at L-518110, destroying 12 buildings. 36 x 4.5 rockets were fired at Q-980913. 1 locomotive was damaged, 4 passenger cars destroyed, 18 box cars damaged, 1 railcut. 3 RR cars were strafed and destroyed at Q-990932. 1 flak tower was strafed and damaged at SR-017916. 1 radar tower strafed and damaged at SQ-987919. No flak encountered. Time down A-96, 1014 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1400 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 14 x 500 lb., 2 x 460 lb. M-17, and 8 x 75 gallon Napalm were dropped at R-116985. 10 gondola cars were destroyed, 20 damaged, 4 buildings and 1 loading ramp destroyed by fire, 1 locomotive and 25 RR cars destroyed at R-3061, 50 jerries dead at R-2762. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Landau. Time down at A-96, 1621 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1540 hours, 15 February 1945, Lt. Borges leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. bombs, 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a train at R-2985. 8 direct hits started 5 fires, destroyed 15 RR cars and the locomotive, also damaged 15 RR cars. 6 x 500 lb., 2 x 460 lb. bombs were dropped at R-383503. 1 railcut was scored, 4 buildings destroyed, 4 box cars destroyed, 15 box cars damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Landau. Time down at A-96, 1737 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1502 hours, 15 February 1945, Major Personnet leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 6 Napalm bombs on packing cars and boxes along a railroad siding at R-027671, target was completely destroyed. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a supply dump at R-012669 destroying 3 buildings. 8 x 500 lb. bombs and 23 x 4.5 rockets were dropped and fired on a locomotive with 30 cars loaded with tanks, trucks, and supplies headed south at R-300641. 10 trucks, 14 RR cars, 2 tanks were destroyed. 2 Napalm bombs were jettisoned safe in a lake at R-339104. 7 rockets were returned to base. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-7147. Time down at A-96, 1726 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1717 hours, 15 February 1945, Capt. Reese leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. bombs and 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs at Q-462763, 2 direct hits destroyed 4 RR cars, damaged 6 RR cars, locomotive and 1 building. 1 railcut was also scored. 2 x 500 lb. bombs hung up and were jettisoned armed at Saarbrucken. No flak encountered. Time down A-96, 1859.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Leaflet Dropping mission from A-96 at 1325 hours, 15 February 1945, Capt. Hudson leading. 4 P47D's took off and completed mission. 8 x ZG-84 propaganda bombs were dropped, 2 at each of the following places: Q-8831, Q-9129, Q-9029, Q-8634. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1450 hours.

DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 143 x P47D
2. 141
3. 2 1 radio jammed.
1 gas fumes in cockpit.
4 thru 6 nil.
7. 2 aircraft. 1 cat I flak, 1 cat II enemy aircraft.
8. 141 sorties.

C. 1. 45 x 75 gal tanks carried.
37 jettisoned.

D. 1. 264 hours x P47D
2. None.

E. 1. 271,700 rds x 50 cal.
2. 44,475 rds expended.

F. 1. 156 x 500 RDX Bombs, Inst.
72 x 460 M-17 Incendiary clusters.
16 x 75 gals Napalm.
102 x 4.5 Rockets
2. 156 x 500
72 x 460
14 x Napalm
95 x 4.5 Rockets

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3. 2x Napolm

4. 7 rockets returned to base.

G. Nil.

H. 1. 2 ME 109's destroyed at M-4705, 1 by Robert A. Reese, 1st Lt. O-824722.
1 by Leman L. Rosenberg, 2nd Lt. O-762495.

2. 1 ME 109 probably destroyed by Robert E. Jones, 2nd Lt. O-774179.

3. 2 ME 109's damaged. 1 by Robert A. Reiff, Capt. O-665229.
1 by Robert A. Reese.

I. Other claims on ground.

109 bldgs destroyed, 1 damaged.
470 RR cars destroyed, 405 RR cars damaged.
10 armored vehicles destroyed, 15 damaged.
3 locomotives destroyed, 6 damaged.
1/4 railcuts.
2 oil tanks destroyed.
1 ammo factory destroyed.
3 M/Y damaged.
3 supply dumps destroyed, 3 damaged.
1 flak tower damaged.
1 radar tower damaged.
10 trucks destroyed.
2 tanks destroyed.

ESCORT

B. 1. 15 x P47D
2. 15
3 thru 7 Nil
8. 15 Sorties.

C. None

D. 23 hours x P47D.

E. 28, 500 rds x 50 cal.
None.

F.G.H.I. Nil.

For the Group Commander:

LEAFLET DROPPING MISSION

B. 1. 4 x P47D
2. 4 x P47D
3 thru 7 Nil.
8. 4 Sorties.
C. None
D. 6 Hours.
E. 7600 rds x 50 cal.
None.
F. 8 x 20 84
G.H. I. NIL.

HENRY W. IZZO,
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Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 15 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2686

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0725 down at 0925, target, town of Neualtheim at Q-674632. T.O.T. 0820, bomb run to 1500'. 20 hits in town, 8 hits NE of town, smoke observed at target after bombing, no results observed. Flight recced route #1, strafed train in Zweibrucken M/Y, loco damaged, strafed train at Q-6977, 1 passenger car destroyed, loco & 3 passenger cars damaged. Strafed 2 trains at Q-950926, 2 locos & 20 boxcars damaged. Strafed 3 locos at Q-995936, 2 locos damaged, 1 bomb thrown at locos but did not explode, strafed loco & 8 passenger cars at Q-995922, damaged loco & 8 cars. Lt. Luthy hit by flak & bellied in at Q-9593, 3 miles W. of Kaiserlautern, did not see pilot get out of plane, but believe he is O.K. Moderate LAA at Zweibrucken & Kaiserlautern, scant LAA at Q-6977 & Q-09492, intense LAA at Q-994896. Weather, very heavy ground haze with fog in vallies. Bombes exp: 18 x 500lb GP, 5 x 100 lb Phos, 6 x 460 lb Incd. Lt. Luthy M.I.A.

Mission 2687

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0735 down at 0935, target, town of Neualtheim at Q-675632. T.O.T. 0830, bomb run to 1500', 12 hits in town, 8 buildings destroyed, 2 hits N. of town. Flight then bombed stores dump at R-357698. T.O.T. 0855, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits in target area, no results observed. 1 A/C returned early, dropped 2 bombs armed at Q-6372. Intense LAA at R-357698. Weather, thick haze at 11,000', ground fog in valley. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2688

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0750 down at 1000. Flight recced route #2. 3 A/C bombed train at R-542577. T.O.T. 0830, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on cars, 2 boxcars destroyed, 6 cars damaged, 2 hits on rails, rail cut, 2 near misses. Flight strafed train, damaged loco. 4 A/C bombed train at R-530608. T.O.T. 0855, bomb run to 1500', 10 hits on train, 3 hits along tracks, results, 20 boxcars destroyed, train burning, 15 boxcars damaged. Flight strafed train at R-5367, loco & 6 boxcars damaged, strafed train at R-6657, 4 passenger cars damaged. 1 A/C returned early, collided with B-25 on take off, Cat. #1, jettisoned bombs at Q-3813. Intense LAA at R-5264 & R-518600. Weather, haze in Rhine Valley, CAVU elsewhere. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd., 5 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2689

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0755 down at 0950, target, barracks at R-236536. T.O.T. 0835, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits W. of target, 2 direct hits, 2 buildings destroyed, 2 hit S. of target, 11 direct hits on E. group of barracks, 10 buildings destroyed & started large fire in NE section of area, black smoke to 5000', E. group believed totally destroyed. 4 A/C strafed & fired 15 rockets at 1 loco & 10 oil cars, 2 flat cars & 3 boxcars at R-597830, 3 rockets hit & destroyed loco, 10 oil cars damaged. T.O.T. 0845. 2 A/C strafed & fired 6 rockets at loco, 10 boxcars & 3 flat cars at R-594834, loco damaged. Mod. accurate LAA & scant inaccurate HAA from strafing targets. Weather, no clouds, haze in valleys burning off. 2 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #2. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd., 1 x 100 lb Phos., 21 rockets.

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Mission 2690

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0810 down at 1000, target, train at R-298695. T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits alongside train, 2 boxcars destroyed, 2 hits cut rails in front of train. 10 hit E. of train, 2 misses, 5 hit W. of train. 1 dropped at R-055420, no results observed. No AA. Weather, slight ground fog in valleys. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos., 4 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2691

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1030 down at 1245, target, M/Y at Landau. T.O.T. 1100, bomb run to 1000', 2 his on loco, destroying it & 2 boxcars, 4 hit S. in M/Y. 4 A/C bombed 1 loco & 20 boxcars at R-460887. T.O.T. 1110, bomb run to 1000', 2 hit center of train, 3 cars destroyed, 4 near misses to each side, 2 hit in front of train, near or on rails. 5 A/C bombed loco & 35 flat cars with 2 MT per car at R-302630. T.O.T. 1145, bomb run to 1500', 6 hits on each side of train, started 6 fires, 20 MT destroyed, burned well, 4 misses. 1 hit under tressel near loco, 2 direct hits, 1 hit on building destroying it, 2 missed 8 strafing passes made entire length of train, 40 MT & loco damaged. Scant HAA along RR between Neustadt - Schefferstadt, scant LAA from Schefferstadt & Landau. 8, 88mm in semi-cirdle pattern in pits shot at flight from R-365865. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos. 8 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2692

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1045 down at 1245, target 100 plus MT in wooded area at Q-557670. 4 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 1115, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits & 18 rockets fired here, no results observed. 4 A/C bombed at Q-570847, 10 hits in area, didn't see MT but bombed woods. Intense accurate LAA from target area. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 460 lb Incd. 2 x 100 lb Phos. 18 Rockets.

Mission 2693

6 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1100 down at 1250, target, town of Blickweiler at Q-648683. T.O.T. 1155, bomb run to 2000', 15 hits in target, entire town left burning, at least 20 buildings destroyed, 2 hits at R-030610, no results observed, 1 hit at R-300860, no results observed. Intense LAA at R-300440. Weather CAVU with slight haze. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos. 2 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2694

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1120 down at 1315. 3 A/C bombed loco & 50 boxcars at R-765827. T.O.T. 1200, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits on loco & 3 boxcars, destroying them, 4 misses. 4 A/C bombed 30 plus box & flat cars at R-762865. T.O.T. 1210, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on 5 boxcars, destroying them, 2 near misses damaging 1 flat and 3 boxcars. 8 misses. Strafed 2 diesel locos with 8 tank cars, 2 tank cars damaged. No AA. Weather CAVU.
Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2695

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1130 down at 1300, target, MT dispersed in woods between Q-5664 & Q-5665. 3 A/C bombed at Q-5665. T.O.T. 1215, 9 hit town & woods, destroying 3 MT, 4 A/C bombed at Q-562648, 9 hits into woods, no results observed. Strafed entire area. 5, 20mm gun positions strafed, 4 destroyed. Intense LAA at target. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 4 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2696

8 P47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1330 down at 1430, target, MT & tanks in woods at Q-512645. T.O.T. 1355, bomb run to 1000', 16 hits directly into woods, 2 hits SW of area, strafed area many times, did not see anything. No AA. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd., 2 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2697

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1340 down at 1520, target, concentration of MT in woods at Q-505649. T.O.T. 1410, bomb run to 1000', 20 hits in target area, 2 hit in road at Q-511650. Strafed area, no results observed. 1 A/C failed to get off, mechanical trouble. Scant small arms fire from target. Weather CAV U with haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2698

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1345 down at 1535, target, factory at R-394307. T.O.T. 1515, bomb run to 2000', 2 direct hits into buildings at R-396309, building damaged, 4 hit NE, 2 near misses SE, 6 hits to SW, small fire started. 1 hit on rails, 1 hit NE at 2 hits SW. Scant HAA at Worms and R-6599. Weather CAVU with haze. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned safe at Q-4117, sortie credited. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd., 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2699

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down at 1640, target, Heidelberg area at R-758838. 3 A/C bombed loco and 30 plus boxcars. T.O.T. 1530, bomb run to 1500', 4 direct hits on loco & train, loco & 8 cars destroyed, 2 near misses, strafed 50 plus boxcars with no loco at R-7683, 8 cars damaged. 10 hits on 40 plus boxcars & loco at R-775820, 3 cars & loco destroyed, 16 cars damaged. At R-5944 strafed loco & 3 boxcars, loco & 3 cars damaged. 1 hit at Mochmuhl M/Y (S-1882), also strafed 50 plus boxcars, two cars destroyed, 8 damaged. Scant LAA at S-1882. Weather CAVU, 7/10ths to 8/10ths N and E of Frankfurt. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 3 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2700

6 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1455, down at 1700, target, Heidelberg area. Bombed loco at R-632920, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits caused RR cut, strafed loco and damaged it. 3 hits at R-6397, no results observed. Bombed M/Y at R-568958, bomb run to 2500'. T.O.T. 1600, 8 hits destroyed 10 cars. Bombed loco at R-9263, dropped 3 x 100 and strafed, loco destroyed. Strafed loco & 5 plus boxcars at S-0441, loco damaged. Scant HAA at R-6397, intense LAA at S-0441. Weather CAVU and hazy. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 8 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 6 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2701

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1515 down at 1715, target, M/Y at Bensheim. T.O.T. 1600, 4 A/C bombed 1 loco & 30 plus boxcars at M-637200, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits on cars, 5 cars destroyed, 2 hits near engine in buildings, 3 buildings destroyed. 4 hits in buildings, 5 buildings destroyed. Fired 12 rockets at loco destroying it and 2 boxcars. Strafed loco & 5 small cars at M-530190, loco damaged. Strafed & fired 12 rockets at 200 boxcars in Heidelberg M/Y at R-675902, 5 cars destroyed & 5 damaged. 4 A/C bombed road overpass at R-621584. T.O.T. 1635, bomb run same as first. 2 hits S. of overpass, 8 hits scattered NE of target into buildings, results not seen but at least 4 buildings destroyed. Intense small arms fire at R-6258, intense LAA at Heidelberg, scant HAA at Bensheim, scant HAA at R-4399 & R-275276. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C damaged Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 2 x 100 lb Phos. 24 rockets.

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Mission 2702

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1810, target, train at R-955607. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 2000'. 4 A/C bombed. 1 miss, 4 misses to rear of train, 2 hits W. & 2 near misses on loco, center of train broke into flames, 2 cars destroyed. 4 A/C bombed Pforzheim M/Y. T.O.T. 1720, bomb run to 3000', 2 hits at R-690335 into buildings, 3 hits N. edge of M/Y at R-715335, 3 hits in center of M/Y, 2 hits SE corner of town. 2 hits S. end of town. 10 boxcars destroyed. 1 hit into Buhl building area at R-292110. 1 A/C jettisoned bombs at Q-6113. Scant HAA at R-4594. Weather CAVU and haze. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos, 4 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2703

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1810, target, RR tracks and boxcars at R-6346. T.O.T. 1710, bomb run to 500', 4 direct hits on tracks, 1 RR cut & 4 RR cars destroyed. 6 A/C bombed 2 locos with 15 cars each, also 30 mixed cars in M/Y at Bruchsal at R-621586. T.O.T. 1720, bomb run to 2000'. 4 hits among cars, 5 cars destroyed, 4 damaged, 2 misses, 6 hits in M/Y, left large fire. 4 A/C bombed 1 loco; 40 mixed cars on siding in M/Y, SW of Heidelberg at R-670899. T.O.T. 1730, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits on loco destroying it, 1 hit NW near tracks, 1 bomb hung up was dropped at R-595887 causing road block. Moderate LAA at Heidelberg. Weather CAVU with haze. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2704

2 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1715 down at 1825, target, buildings at Offenburg M/Y. 5 hits in buildings, 2 buildings destroyed. Flight then strafed trenches on E. side of Rhine at V-8713 & V-9028, no results observed. Intense LAA at Offenburg, scant small arms fire from trenches. Weather CAVU with haze. Bombs exp: 5 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2705

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1725 down at 1825, target, M/Y at St. Ingbert at Q-5576. T.O.T. 1805, bomb run to 2000'. 18 hits in M/Y, results unobserved due to darkness and smoke. Weather CAVU and haze. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 2 x 100 lb Phos.

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSION 15 FEBRUARY 1945

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	d.	1
	(vi)	1 Flak
	(vii)	5 Flak, Cat. #1
		1 Flak, Cat. #2
	(viii)	165
Note 5 D	(i)	297:45
Note 6 E	(i)	334,000
	(ii)	82,210
Note 7 F	(i)	247 x 500 lb GP
		80 x 460 lb Incd.
		73 x 100 lb Phos.
		66 Rockets
	(ii)	243 x 500 lb GP
		78 x 460 lb Incd.
		66 x 100 lb Phos.
		63 Rockets
	(iii)	4 x 500 lb GP
		3 x 100 lb Phos.
		(Returned 2 x 460 lb Incd, 4 x 100 lb Phos. and 3 rockets to base)
Note 8 G		1 Pilot M.I.A.

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	24	40
Locos	7	15
RR cars	96	122
Gun positions	4	
Buildings	57	1
Road blocks, complete	2	
RR cuts, complete	4	

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

17 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army.
Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET
Cprep A No. 219 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

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B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak)
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

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B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak)
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 220 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Siegrist, took off at 0825 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" and recce area 2, with alternate target as a fuel dump at Q-5475. "Baggage" had no targets. 22 x 500 on fuel dump at Q-5475 with 2 direct hits destroying 4 bldgs., 10 near misses. 2 x 500 cut rails in one place at M/Y at Neunkircken. 4 A/C strafed Homburg M/Y, NRO. 8 A/C strafed Neunkircken M/Y and damaged 2 locos; dest 1 loco - seen to explode. Intense accurate heavy and light flak encountered at Q-5884 and Q-7181. Weather was CAVU except for haze. T.O.T. 0850-0910. T.D. 1011.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "AC" Flak
(viii) 12

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal U.S. Bally.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 22:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 4,700 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 3. (A) 1
(C) 2
9. (A) 4
11. (A) 1
14. --- 2

Oprep A No. 221 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Bales took off at 0858 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" and perform recce in area 2 or to hit alternate target, a supply and ammo dump at Q-787992. "Halfbake" had no targets. 23 x 500 on supply dump at Q-787992 with 6 near misses NRO. 1 x 500 on town at Q-878983 which started fire. Strafed at R-075923 - 1 engine and 25 boxcars going W, NRO; at R-062863 - 1 loco in M/Y dam. Intense inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-045945. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 0935. T.D. 1037.

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Oprep A No. 221 for 24 hours ending Sunset 15 February 1945, (Cont'd).

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 23:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 7,260 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M108 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

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For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond E. Long
RAYMOND E. LONG,
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Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 95 MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 15 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 567

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1322 Time Down 24-1645 Total Hours 87:00

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 15 - 20 P47's.

3. Weather: C A V U

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	AIR SPARE.
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - -

5. Target: (1) LAUTERBAD RR BRIDGE (WW-517828), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	RR BRIDGE-WW 517828, GSGS 4416, SHEET W3-CENTER.	ZELL, GERMANY.	1501	24	11,600', 12,000'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail, javelined down(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombar of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 65 degrees with right break. - Moderate to violent evasive action employed with loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 200 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
45 SEC.	---	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 67%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WIN "A photo taken after this attack shows severe damage to the structural partsm of the middle span of the bridge. The tracks do not appear to be continous across the middle span. Possible damage was caused by several near misses to the piers supporting the bridge. Prior to the raid the bridge was serviceable, but is now blocked." - - - - Photos were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	94	- -	- -	- -	NONE	4(SPARE) 4(ENG)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	2	INTERVOLMETER MAL-FUNCTION.	TARGET AREA.

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	37,600	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	IP INTO TARGET AREA AND SAME ON WAY OUT.

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 - air-craft returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. Squadrons 37 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 15 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 568

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1352 Time Down 24-1635 Total Hours 87:30

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's.

3. Weather: C A V U

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(R. ENGINE CUTTING OUT AFTER TAKE-OFF).
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE R. ENGINE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
3 - B26	ARMAMENT(BOMB-BAY DOO OF LEAD SHIP WOULD NO OPEN).

5. Target: (1) LAUTERBAD RR BRIDGE (WW-517828), GERMANY. (2) FRIESENHEIM (WW-1076) - TARGET OF OPPORTUNITY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	RR BRIDGE-WW 517828, GSGS 4416, SHEET W3-CENTER.	ZELL, GERMANY.	1532	19	12,500'
(2)	FRIESENHEIM-WW 1076.	ZELL, GERMANY.	1542	1	11,000'
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail, javelined down(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - FLIGHTS DROPPED on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 67 degrees with right break. - Moderate to violent evasive action employed with loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 201
400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
45 SEC.	2 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 94.60%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING "A compact concentration of bombs have probably further damaged the bridge, but no definite statement can be made as the smoke from the bombs is too far developed and hides the strike points of the bombs. Bombs have probably cut the tracks on the East approach to the bridge," - - - Photos were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	74	4	--	--	NONE	8(ENG). 12(ARM).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	4	ENGINEERING	RHINE RIVER AT WW-9978.
1000# GP	2	RACK MALFUNCTION	WW-5581.

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	36,000	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	IP INTO TARGET AREA AND SAME ON WAY OUT.

10. No & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - -

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OPERATIONS NO. 440 TR/1/15/1

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 0735-0940. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS. Large fire in factory E Bischweiler. M/Y at Lauterburg 1/3 full. NMS. 1 M/T mvg E at R-2044. Military camp E of Bitche at Q-8049 appears to be active. 1 M/T mvg S at Q-9338. 1 M/T mvg N at R-0137. Area SW of Pirmasens, approximately 1 mile from the city, heavily fortified with pill-boxes and gun positions. ENEMY AIR. NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vert of Fortification Q-9063 to Q-8767 from 4500' on 300° course 0900 hrs. Vert of Fortification Q-9064 to Q-9165 from 4500' on 0° course 0905 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0920. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 441 TR/21/15/11

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1020-1115. To Recce in route #1. OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Mechanical Failure. ENEMY AIR: 3 Me-109's 15 miles N of Strassbourg heading E at 8000'. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1035-1045. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking route #1. (iii) Abortive due to Mechanical Trouble. (iv-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 1 hr. 50 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 442 TR/17/15/7

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1030-1245. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full. 1 loco S/U working in yard. 1 M/T mvg N at R-3116. 1 M/T mvg S at R-3218. RR bridge at Rastatt appears unserv. hwy bridge appears serv. 1 train 10 B/C heading S at R-6929, called in. M/Y at R-7413, 3 engines S/U Stat. 1 train 5 B/C mvg S at R-9109 (Called in). 1 train, 10 B/C, 2 empty flat-cars mvg S at R-9411 (Called in) 1 train mvg W at W-8486. M/Y at Freudenstadt W-5085 1/4 full, 3 trains, approx 20 B/C, S/U, Stat, 2 locos S/U working in yd. Approx 12 balloons from 1000-2000' high at R-4307. Approx 8 large buildings appearing to be barracks at R-3321. 1 train 5 B/C heading S at R-6135. 1 large warehouse burning in M/Y at Bruchsal, R-6359, remainder of yard obscured by smoke as result of bumbing by P-47's. M/Y at Schwetzingen R-6287 bombed by P-47's, fires started in yard. M/Y at Weinheim approx 1/5 full, 1 engine S/U working in yd. 1 loco 4 coal cars mvg S on spur line at M-6419. Camoufleged storage area containing warehouses, barracks, and RR trks in woods at M-645325. M/Y at Alzey bombed by P-47's several large fires started, yards obscured by smoke. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045-1230. WEATHER: 10/10 at 1500-2000' N of Darmstadt, otherwise CAVU.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONAL NO. 443 TR/2/15/2

A. 2 F6-C's from 1220-1435. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Pirmasens M/Y empty, no activity. 2 M/T Stat at Q-9467. Camoufleged objects size of M/T scatt in woods vic Q-9557. Buildings with Red Crosses at Q-9554. 5 large M/T with white tops and red crosses on roofs in vic Q-9554. Large military camp at R-0944. RR trks Hagenau to Weibenburg cut in six places. 7 scatt M/T, all directions Q-9437 to R-1037. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1235-1420. WEATHER: CAVU, in entire area.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 15 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 489

1. No. Off 56 B-26's Time Up 12:06 Time Down 15:05 Total Hours 166:05

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: Cavu

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	1 Prop trouble 1 Engine	6 B-26's	5 A/C bombardier error 1 A/C loss of power bombs salvoed.

5. Target: (1) OFFENBURG, GERMANY (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Area "D" (W) W-160375	Erstein V-9480	14:00	48 B-26's	12,300
(2)					11,200
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin flown of squadrons. Bomb Run - Compressed bombing formation squadrons javelined. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack * 77°T. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 70 40 sec.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Result - There was a good concentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.01	368	304				None	56
500#M17	M-138	80	80				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	8	Loss of Power	Target Area.

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	165,600	None

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Intense	M-1372

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
21 B-26's (Cat I)	Flak	None
2 B-26's (Cat II)	Flak	2 TG. LW.
B-26B50 42-95990		
B-26B16 41-31573		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 15 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 488

1. No. Off 2 B-26's Time Up 12:05 Time Down 15:05 Total Hours 6:00
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines; *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
None		None	

5. Target: (1) OFFENBURG, GERMANY (2) (3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Gun Position (W) W-151887	Erstein V-9480	13:59	2 B-26's	10,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 2 ship element. Bomb Run - Attack in route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No Lead man. Axis of Attack - 77°T. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 Sec.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - Bombs reported to have landed in the assigned area, but target probably missed.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
20mm Frags.		240	240				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	5,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

W. L. Korbin, Jr.
Signature

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H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' NO. 122 for 24 hours ending sunset, 15 February, '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3764, TR/4/15/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0930. To recce Saarbrucken-Neuenkirchen-St. Wendel-Zweibrucken-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train mvg. west with 30 boxcars at Saarbrucken. 2 locos. with 100 boxcars at Saarbrucken M/Y..no activity. 1 train mvg. north into Neuenkirchen. 1 train with 30 boxcars mvg. east at L-5509. 1 train with 10 passenger cars mvg. SW at Q-7880. 2 locos. with steam up facing SW with 50 boxcars in M/Y at Q-8359. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. toward Zweibrucken at Q-9774. Men in hills at Q-832436..no MT.3 MT mvg. north Q-810445. Men mvg. about in woods at Q-9935--received light flak from there. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-inaccurate at Q-9935. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0915. WEATHER: Ground fog at Zweibrucken.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3765, TR/12/25/20.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0930. To recce Lauterburg-Mannheim-Pirmasens-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 50 boxcars at Lauterburg M/Y. 3 trains with steam up with 30 boxcars on each at R-4148. Germersheim M/Y 3/4 filled with boxcars and 2 locomotives with steam up. Speyer M/Y 3/4 filled with boxcars , 2 locos. with steam up. 1 train with 25 plus boxcars mvg. NW from Speyer (hit by F/B's). 1 train with 40 plus boxcars mvg. NE into Ludwigshafen. 6 locos. steam up in Mannheim M/Y..much activity. 1 train with 25 plus boxcars Bad Durkheim M/Y. Kaiserslautern M/Y about 3/4 filled Fire in west end of yards. 3 locos. with steam up in yards, with factories in area emitting much gray smoke. F/B's scored direct hit on loco. at M-3381. Factory burning fiercely at R-353597. 1 train with 20 plus cars mvg. SE at R-1804. Heavy activity at Germersheim, Speyer, Ludwigshafen, and Mannheim M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: CAVU, ground haze in Mts.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Lauterburg-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO.3766, TR/24/15/24.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0930. To recce Offenburg-Lahr-Freiburg-NeustadtDonaueschingen-Lillingen area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 locos. with steam up and 1200-1500 RR cars in M/Y at Offenburg. F/B's hit Offenburg andl large oil fire north edge of M/Y. 2 MT mvg. south into Offenburg. 2 trains with steam up with 30 boxcars each facing west at M/Y at Lahr (W-1072). 1 MT mvg. south W-0966. 1 MT mvg. north W-0564. 5 MT mvg. north, 3 with small trailers W-0357. 3 locos. steam up facing north , 1000 boxcars in M/Y at Freiburg. 1 train 5 boxcars mvg. east W-0831. 1 loco. with steam up facing east W-1152. 4 barrage balloons 2000' W-085304. 1 MT mvg. south W-0229. 3 MT mvg. east W-3125. 3-4 barrage balloons 3000' over RR bridge at Steig. 5 MDT mvg. NE W-5222. 2 trains mvg. north W-7836. 1 MT mvg. SE W-5443. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. east W-4058. 1 train with 15 boxcars facing south and 100 boxcars M/Y at W-3849. 1 train with 15 passenger cars mvg. south W-3854. 3 train with 15 boxcars each mvg. south W-3755. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: Fog S.Freiburg
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Offenburg-Dillingen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3767, TR/10/15/19.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0740-0940. To recce Mannheim-Worms-Weisbaden-Mainz-Kaiserslautern-Ludwigshafen. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 25 plus boxcars mvg. west at R-3585. 15-20 locos. with steam up facing north and south Mannheim M/Y. 2 trains with 40-50 boxcars each mvg. south R-5805. 2 trains with 4 boxcars each mvg. east across Rhine at Worms. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg. south into Worms. 2 large barges mvg . south in Rhine at Worms. 1 train with 30 loaded flat cars mvg. south at M-4428. . 1 train with 40 boxcars mvg. south at M-4428. 2 barges mvg. south at M-4254. 50 barges stationary in Rhine between M-4254 and M-3058. 2 trains with 20-30 boxcars each mvg. south between Weisbaden and Mainz. 2 trains with 35 boxcars mvg. east and 1 train 35 boxcars mvg. west M-2755. 1 train with 35 boxcars mvg. north at M-1548. 1 train with 15 boxcars, 15 flat cars loaded with crates mvg. SW M-3129. 1 train with steam up and 40 plus RR cars stationary facing east R-043. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Worms. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 0800-0920. WEATHER: CAVU
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Mannheim-Ludwigshafen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). F., G., H., Nil.

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B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3765, TR/12/25/20.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0930. To recce Lauterburg-Mannheim-Pirmasens-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 50 boxcars at Lauterburg M/Y. 3 trains with steam up with 30 boxcars on each at R-4148. Germersheim M/Y 3/4 filled with boxcars and 2 locomotives with steam up. Speyer M/Y 3/4 filled with boxcars, 2 locos. with steam up. 1 train with 25 plus boxcars mvg. NW from Speyer (hit by F/B's). 1 train with 40 plus boxcars mvg. NE into Ludwigshafen. 6 locos. steam up in Mannheim M/Y..much activity. 1 train with 25 plus boxcars Bad Durkheim M/Y. Kaiserslautern M/Y about 3/4 filled Fire in west end of yards. 3 locos. with steam up in yards, with factories in area emitting much gray smoke. F/B's scored direct hit on loco. at M-3301. Factory burning fiercely at R-355597. 1 train with 20 plus cars mvg. SE at R-1804. Heavy activity at Germersheim, Speyer, Ludwigshafen, and Mannheim M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: CAVU, ground haze in Mts.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Lauterburg-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO.3766, TR/24/15/24.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0930. To recce Offenburg-Lahr-Freiburg-NeustadtDonaueschingen-Villingen area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 locos. with steam up and 1200-1500 RR cars in M/Y at Offenburg. F/B's hit Offenburg and large oil fire north edge of M/Y. 2 MT mvg. south into Offenburg. 2 trains with steam up with 30 boxcars each facing west at M/Y at Lahr (W-1072). 1 MT mvg. south W-0966. 1 MT mvg. north W-0564. 5 MT mvg. north, 3 with small trailers W-0357. 3 locos. steam up facing north, 1000 boxcars in M/Y at Freiburg. 1 train 5 boxcars mvg. east W-0831. 1 loco. with steam up facing east W-1132. 4 barrage balloons 2000' W-055304. 1 MT mvg. south W-0229. 3 MT mvg. east W-3123. 3-4 barrage balloons 3000' over RR bridge at Steig. 5 HDT mvg. NE W-5222. 2 trains mvg. north W-7836. 1 MT mvg. SE W-5443. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. east W-4058. 1 train with 15 boxcars facing south and 100 boxcars M/Y at W-3949. 1 train with 15 passenger cars mvg. south W-3854. 3 train with 15 boxcars each mvg. south W-3755. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: Fog S.Freiburg
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Offenburg-Villingen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3767, TR/10/15/18.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0740-0940. To recce Mannheim-Worms-Weisbaden-Mainz-Kaiserslautern-Ludwigshafen. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 25 plus boxcars mvg. west at R-3585. 15-20 locos. with steam up facing north and south Mannheim M/Y. 2 trains with 40-50 boxcars each mvg. south R-5805. 2 trains with 4 boxcars each mvg. east across Rhine at Worms. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg. south into Worms. 2 large barges mvg. south in Rhine at Worms. 1 train with 30 loaded flat cars mvg. south at M-4428. . 1 train with 40 boxcars mvg. south at M-4428. 2 barges mvg. south at M-4254. 50 barges stationary in Rhine between M-4254 and M-3058. 2 trains with 20-30 boxcars each mvg. south between Weisbaden and Mainz. 2 trains with 35 boxcars mvg. east and 1 train 35 boxcars mvg. west M-2755. 1 train with 35 boxcars mvg. north at M-1548. 1 train with 15 boxcars, 15 flat cars loaded with crates mvg. SW M-3129. 1 train with steam up and 40 plus RR cars stationary facing east R-0403. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Worms. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 0800-0920. WEATHER: CAVU
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Mannheim-Ludwigshafen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). F., G., H., Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3768, TR/25/15/25.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1030-1250. To recce Kehl-Freiburg-Donaueschingen-Offenburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 50-60 MT stationary bumper to bumper and facing west on north side of town at W-2815 at 1100 hrs..called to controller. Offenburg M/Y about 1/4 filled with ~~XX~~ boxcars, and 6 locos. with steam up.10 scattered MT BW Offenburg-Freiburg. 3 MT mvg. SW out of Freiburg. 2 MT scattered mvg. west into Freiburg. 3 large MT mvg. north in town of Schweningen (W-5945). 1 train with 30 plus cars (10 flat cars with MT)stationary at W-2965 at 1200 hrs. 2 barrage baloons at 3000' protecting RR bridge at W-2524. Called in MT movement, Offenburg M/Y, and train at W-2965 to controller, but no available F/B's. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-inaccurate at W-2965. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1045-1215. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kehl-Offenburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3769, TR/13/15/21.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1030-1240. To recce Karlsruhe-Landau-Neustadt-Ludwigshafen-Wissembourg. OBSERVATIONS: 2 locos. mvg. west in M/Y at R-4840. 2 train with 2 boxcars mvg. south in M/Y at R-5245. 40 flat cars loaded with MT or tanks covered by canvas on siding adjacent to a factory at R-7064. Led F/B's over target, which they bombed and strafed. 1 train with 10 cars facing south in Landau M/Y. 25-30 boxcars in Landau M/Y. 1 MT stationary facing east R-3590. 6 locos. with steam up ~~xxxxx~~ and 100 plus boxcars in Ludwigshafen M/Y. 1 MT stationary facing north R-5187. 50 boxcars in Speyer M/Y1 MT stationary facing south R-4053. Wissembourg M/Y empty. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1050-1220. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3770, TR/5/15/15.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1200-1335. To recce and photo in Saarbrucken-St. Wendel-Ottweiler-Neuenkirchen-Homburg-Zweibrucken-Hornbach-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. NE into Saarbrucken. 2 MT mvg. north out of Saarbrucken. 1 MT mvg. SW into Volklingen. 1 white MT mvg. SE at Q-3893. 25 plus boxcars in Ottweiler M/Y. 100 plus boxcars and gondolas in Neuenkirchen M/Y. 75 plus boxcars in Homburg M/Y..M/Y badly damaged in western section. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-6573. 20 plus boxcars in Zweibrucken M/Y. Large fire in town of Hornbach. Large fire at Q-9476. Factory operating at 1 mile north of Neuenkirchen just west of RR line. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Neuenkirchen M/Y; 132 RR cars, mostly coal cars, 50% loaded..tracks clear in this vicinity. 185 RR cars, fairly intact, 50-75 destroyed, 15 M/Y tracks blocked at Q-575835. Damage to target moderate. 75% of facilities unserviceable. Loading and activity light. 2% or less of town area destroyed this vicinity. 165 RR cars intact, 50 damaged at Q-583835. 225 RR cars, mostly coal cars vicinity of Q-574830. 100 cars destroyed , and tracks in M/Y blocked at Q-594858. 270 cars, mostly intact and tracks mostly clear vicinity of Q-594842. Damage to this area moderate. 50% of facilities unserviceable. Loading and activity medium. Line of NW appears cut. 5-10% of town area this vicinity destroyed. 40-60% of rails in yards in west and east to be repaired. 72 RR cars in M/Y at Q-706806. Factory area at Q-705798, fairly intact. Damage slight to this area. 5% or less of facilities unserviceable. Loading and activity light. 10-15% of town area damaged vicinity of target. Rails 100% repaired. 4 MT parked on woods road at Q-905623..possible bivouac area. 3 gun batteries (L) occupied at Q-837420, Q-839417, Q-843415. 3 gun battery (L) unoccupied at Q-845419. 9 weapons pits at Q-850419. 4 gun battery (Field) unoccpied at Q-844412..area has been heavily shelled. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1320. WEATHER: CAVU with ground haze.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3771, TR/14/15/22.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1340-1545. To recce andphoto in Haguenau-Wissembourg-Ludwigshafen-Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 20 gondolas on RR line at R-2451. 25-30 cars, about 12-15 were flat cars with MT, gondolas, and 304 boxcars stationary at R-3164...had been hit by MT and 6-8 MT were smoking. 1 long black RR car stationary under underpass at R-3163. Landau M/Y about 1/6 filled with boxcars. 2 locos. steam up mvg. north Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train mvg. east from Karlsruhe with 8 plus gondolas. 150 pontoons in groups of 3 along east bank of Rhine and in swamps adjacent to river from R-4353-4765. Worms M/Y about 1/4 filled with boxcars-also Ludwigshafen M/Y. 3 MT mvg. south at R-3595. 1 MT mvg. west into Bad Daurkheim. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Unsucessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400-1530. WEATHER: Slight haze in Mts.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Haguenau-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
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OPERATIONS NO. 3772, TR/6/15/16.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1345-1515. To recce and photo in Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: None. (Mission returned to base after photo run due to engine trouble.) ENEMY AIR: 1 ME-262 flying east at Q-7060 at 18-20,000'..1440 hrs. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Unsuccessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400-1500. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3773, P-123, TR/26/15/26.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1400-1515. To recce and photo in Kehl-W-0251-Freiburg-W-0533 area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 30 plus boxcars steam up facing SE W-0251.Freiburg M/Y about 1/3 filled with boxcars. Train of 100 plus gondolas, tank cars, empty flat cars and boxcars stationary facing SW at W-0533. ENEMY AIR: 1 jet propelled A/C at about 18,000' at 1445 hrs flying south from Strassburg. Made a turn west and appeared to be coming after our mission, but broke off and headed north up Rhine valley. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Offenburg M/Y: 1200 usable RR cars in entire yard located mainly at W-163882. All tracks are blocked at present. 17 fires still burning, and loading areas have been severely damaged. Estimated 1500-2000 cars destroyedor damaged. 85-90% of facilities unserviceable. Little if any loading. 5-10% of town damaged near yards. Rails nearly 100% cut. No lines completely serviceable. 3 gun batteries (L) at W-151864, and W-165871. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1500 WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kehl-W-0533. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3774, P-123/P-124, TR/27/15/27.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1515-1730. To recce and photo in Route 2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. south at W-2176. Many bomb craters, fires, and smoke in Offenburg M/Y. 1 MT mvg. south at W-2176, and 1 mvg. north at W-2565. 100 boxcars in M/Y at W-4972. 150 boxcars in M/Y at Freudenstadt. 1 MT mvg. north at W-3853. 1 train of 40 flat cars loaded with tanks and MT facing west at W-4758. 100 boxcars in M/Y at Villingen. 1 train with 2 locos. and 80 boxcars mvg. NW at W-8022. 300 boxcars in M/Y at Singen. 1 train of 10-15 boxcars mvg. west W-8407. 3 factories active Radolfzell W-9305. RR bridge at Steig intact. 6 barrage baloons 2000' over RR bridge at W-2625. 2 MT mvg. south at W-1929. 2 MT mvg. SE at W-1731. 4 barrage baloons at 4000' W-0831. 1 train with steam up and 10 boxcarsfacing south in Freiburg M/Y. 1 train with steam up and 40 cars facing south in Freiburg M/Y. 300 boxcars in Freiburg M/Y. 2 MT mvg. north at W-1039, 3 MT mvg. south at W-1041. 100 boxcars on siding at W-0253. 6 MT mvg. north at W-0968. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS:Bridge over canal at W-145846 repaired. 20 car train with 2 long cars of bridging material has gone. 3 gun batteries (L) at W-158844, and W-156846, occupied. 3 gun battery MG/AA occupied at W-159842. 2 gun battery (H) occupied both guns in vertical--2 bomb craters nearby. 3 gun batteries (L) odcupied at W-546861, W-561861, and W-537863, and W- 538867. 2 gun battery (H) occupied at W-540860. 95 RR cars and 3 flak cars near stations at W-566280. Station and warehouse damaged Main lines appear serviceable. 46 cars camouflaged train on curve at W-572275. 49 cars train on west bound track W-583273. Damage to this area light..loading and activity light. . 15-20% of town area vicinity of M/Y damaged. 80-90% of main lines and tracks in M/Y repaired and serviceable. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1700. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Route 2. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3775, TR/11/15/19.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1515-1730, To recce and photo Kaiserslautern*frankenthal-Mainz-Bingen-Alzey-Bad Durkheim area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 small MT mvg. east scattered Kaiserslautern-Frankenthal. Two 75 cars string mostly boxcars and flat cars M-3938. RR and road bridges across Rhine at Worms intact. Bridge at M-4523 out. Pontoons strung along east bank of Rhine just above bridge site. Bingen bridge repaired and appears serviceable. RR bridges at M-077344 and M-083351.4 large vans about 50' long mvg. east at M-2721. 2 large vans mvg. north M-2924. 3 large van s stationary M-2334..bldgs. and RR cars burning. Alzey M/Y has been hit at M-2727. Lumber piles and 1 large trailer at M-1518. ENEMY AIR: 2 ME-109's headed NE at 3000' at 1600 hrs. Mainz..no contact. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Trees have been felled in a-logging operation in wood s at M-161167. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1700. WEATHER: 1/10 2000' Bingen area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern-Alzey. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3776, TR/15/15/23.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1600-1745. To recce Pirmasens-Kaiserslautern-Wissembourg-area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 locos. with no steam Grunstadt M/Y..with about 75 cars in M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1730. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's ~~from~~ (ii) 2 attacking Pirmasens-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 100 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3777, TR/1/15/17.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1600-1830. To recce and photo in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train of 12 boxcars mvg. NE at Q-482780. 1 loco. steam up stationary facing south at Q-501701. 1 MT mvg. NE at Q-4595. 1 ambulance mvg. Q-5098. 25 plus ambulances at hospital at L-5302.. 1 train of 20 plus boxcars, and 3 flat cars loaded with cranes mvg. SE in Homburg M/Y. 1 MT with trailer mvg. east into Zweibrucken. 1 loco. and 100 boxcars in M/Y at Q-9073. 1 MT mvg. north out of Bitche, ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Bitche. Light-mode rate-inaccurate at NE of Saarbrucken. PHOTOS: Not used (Same area previously covered.) RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1815. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "B" . (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J Gentler YCM

VICTOR J. GENTLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO #374 US ARMY

15 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 153 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 15 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 437 TR/20/15/10

A. 2 F6-C's from 0745-0950. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 15 B/C mvg SE at R-6737 (Called to Controller) Gros Sachsenheim (R-9641) 1 T/E a/c parked in center of field. M/Y R-9741 3/4 full, no activity. M/Y S-0242 3/4 full B/C's, 2 locos S/U in M/Y. 1 train 20 pass cars mvg S at S-0237, 1 train 10 B/C's Stat, S/U, fac N on siding at S-0237. (Controller would not answer). 1 train 10 B/C mvg E at S-0162. 1 train, number of cars unknown, mvg W at S-2363. Heilbronn M/Y 2/3 full B/C, 4 locos S/U in M/Y. Heidelberg M/Y 3/4 full, 9 locos S/U in M/Y. 1 train 12 B/C mvg SW at R-6397. Mannheim 1000 plus B/C in M/Y. 12 locos S/U in M/Y. 1 train 20 B/C mvg SE at R-5496. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H, Mannheim. S-A-H, Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0805-0930. WEATHER: CAVU, with haze on ground.
B. 2 F6-C's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 438 TR/8/15/4

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 0745-0950. To recce in route #1. OBSERVATIONS: 1 tra in 10 B/C mvg E at Q-8790 (Called to Baggage at 0820) 20 B/C at M-0615. 1 train 8 flat cars, contents unknown, 20 B/C mvg N at M-0834. Bad Kreuznach M/Y 1/2 full, 3 locos S/U in M/Y. 1 train 20 B/C mvg W at R-1394 (Called to Baggage). 3 M/T mvg E at Q-9998. NMS on Autoban from Q-7888 to M-2505. 1 large bus mvg N at Q-7085. Homburg M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. 1 train 20 B/C mvg NE at L-5711 (Called to Controller). 1 train 4 B/C mvg N at L-5409. Ottweiler M/Y 1/3 full, 1 loco S/U in M/Y. 1 train 6 B/C mvg W at Q-4970. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0755-0930. WEATHER: CAVU, with haze in valleys.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D.(ii)2attacking route #1. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 439 TR/16/15/6

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 0740-0940. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 30 B/C Stat, S/U, fac W & 1 train 20 B/C stat, S/U fac SE in M/Y Oberkirch (Calledin). 1 train 60 B/C mvg SE at W-2992. 2 RR bdgs at Oppenau W-3287 serv. Train 60 plus B/C mvg E at W-3686. Train, 15 plus B/C Stat S/U fac S at Herrenberg R-8400. A/D Boblingen serv, but no a/c or activity noted. A/D Malmsheim serv, 4 HE lll's on N & E sides; 4 hangars on SE edge of field with 1 a/c inside. 1 train 2 locos, 60 B/C mvg NE into Boblingen. 1 loco mvg SW at R-9008. Train 50 B/C mvg S into Boblingen. Train 50 B/C mvg S at R-8514. 3 locos S/U, Calw. RR bridge at R-2728 out. Scatt Barges E bank of Rhine between Strassbourg and Karlsruhe. ENEMY AIR: 20 Me-109's scrambled and 10 Me-109's parked on A/D SE of Pforzheim at 0905. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vert-A/D-R-8621-6,000'-260°-0840 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0800-0905. WEATHER: CAVU, Ground Fog.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 444 TR/18/15/8

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1325-1525. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: NMS - Ettlingen-Boblingen, Boblingen M/Y 1/4 full, NMS. 1 train 45 B/C and 4-5 Pass cars Stat S/U, facing E and 100 other cars in M/Y at Tubingen, W-8892. 1 loco working in M/Y at Horb and 250 cars in yard. 2 M/T mvg E out of Frudenstadt. M/Y Frudenstadt E 1/3 full, NMS. Hwy bridge over RR at Frudenstadt serv and protection and at least 3 A/A gun positions at E end of bridge. 7 barrage balloons over dam at R-435065 at 600 feet. Dam covered with A/A gun positions. M/Y Offenburg obscured by flame and smoke. A/D reported in report 16/15/6 as being SE of Pforzheim should be Gros Sochserheim R-9741. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-H, R-9741. PHOTOS: Vert of A/D Grsachsenheim at 5600' 280° course at 1400 hrs. R-9741. Vert of A/D Eutingen at 6000' 90° course at 1420 hrs. W-7889. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1505. WEATHER: CAVU, Haze.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 445 TR/22/15/12

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1320-1525. To Recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: Route #1 intention but Baggage and Pelican victored flight to Saargemund area. 11 M/T Stat dispersed in woods at Q-5264. Called to Controller F/B's bombed and strafed. 2 M/T stat in woods at Q-5867. Pirmasens M/Y empty, no activity. Landan M/Y 30-40 B/C, no activity. 10 B/C at R-2958. ENEMY AIR: 1 Me-262 at 18,000' over Saarbrucken mvg SE at 1410. 1 Jet a/c at 35000' over Landan Mvg S at 1430 hrs. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-L, Hornbach. S-I-L, Q-5166. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1355-1500. WEATHER: CAVU, ground haze in valley.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking route #1. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 120 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS. NO. 446 PR/228/37

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1330-1435. To P/R in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NIL. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Merton Obliques at Q-8935, Q-9630 at 3000' 132° course 1342-1352 hrs. Merton Obliques at R-0432, R-2234 at 3000' 91° course at 1347 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1410. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 447 TR/3/15/3

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1520-1720. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T mvg E R-1935. NMS - Hagenau - Weibenbourg. 4 RR cuts Hagenau - Weibenbourg. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1700. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 448 TR/9/15/5

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1520-1720. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y SW Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 1/3 full, NMS. 1 M/T mvg SE at M-0510. 1 M/T mvg S at M-0525. M/Y Bad Kreuznach 1/3 full NMS. M/Y at Soberwheim, L-9431, empty, yard appears serv. M/Y at Kion, L-8031, appears to be full, NMS. M/Y at Obersteam, L-7122, empty yards appears serv. Bridges and RR from Oberstean L-7122 to Birherfield L-5916 all appear to be serv. M/Y at St Wendell 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y at Neunkirchen 1/2 full, 2 locos, S/U working in yard.

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B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 660 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 449 TR/19/15/9

A. 2 F6-C's from 1610-1815. To Recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Offenburg large fires, yards obscured by smoke 10 B/C parked on siding at Buhl R-2911. 10 B/C parked on siding at R-3322. M/Y Pforzheim 1/4 full, NMS. 1 M/T mvg W on Autoban at R-8824. A/D at Malmsheim 5 T/E a/c dispersed on NE corner of field, 1 a/c appeared to be destroyed. 5 B/C on siding at W-7989. M/Y at Horb 3/4 full, 1 train 25 B/C Stat S/U, heading W. M/Y at Freudenstadt 1/4 full, NMS. Approx 7 sections of 2 pontoons each drawn up in small stream at R-315355 on E bank of Rhine River. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-H at Malmsheim. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1630-1755. WEATHER: CAVU with slight haze.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking area "F". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 450 TR/23/15/13

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1615-1800. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: P-47's dive bombing Worth R-3850 starting fires. 25 B/C on siding at R-5452. Large fire in Bruchaal R-6359. 20 B/C on siding at R-5562. Bridge at Speyer appears serv. 30 foot tug at R-5383, mvg S. M/Y at Schwetzingen R-6287 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y at Heidelberg 1/3 full, 3 locos S/U Stat. 1 loco mvg N at R-6295, 1 train approx 20 B/C mvg S at R-5994. 1 train approx 30 B/C mvg NW at R-6293. 1 train 20 B/C heading N at M-5308. M/Y Mannheim 1/2 full, 1 train approx 20 cars, S/U, facing N. 1 train mvg N at M-4501. 1 train mvg N at M-4450. 1 train mvg S out of Heidelberg. Approx 20 barges, 60' long, in canal at R-7789. Approx 15 barges 60' long in canal at R-8091. Approx 15 barges 60' long in canal at R-8495. 1 M/T mvg N at R-9298. 4 M/T 2 mvg S and 2 mvg N at R-9686. 1 train 20 B/C mvg S at S-1771. M/Y Heilbronn 3/4 full, 2 locos, S/U working in yard. 1 train 20 B/C mvg S at S-0550. M/Y at S-0242 1/3 full, 1 train S/U, 30 B/C heading S, 1 train 20 B/C heading N, 2 locos S/U working in yard. 1 train 20 pass cars heading N at S-0335. A/D at Gr Sachsenheim 1 S/E fighter on runway, 2 T/E a/c dispersed in NE corner of field, remainder of A/D unobserved due to intense flak. 1 loco S/U heading E at R-9542. M/Y S Pforzheim obscured by smoke from large fires. M/Y NW of Pforzheim 1 train mvg N out of yard, remainder of yard U/O. M/Y SE Karlsruhe 1/4 full, 3 locos S/U working in yard. M/Y NW Karlsruhe, 2 locos, S/U working in yard. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at Mannheim, S-A-H at Heidelberg, I-A-H A/D Gr Sachensheim, and I-A-L at Pforzheim. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1635-1740. WEATHER: No ceiling visibility 3 miles.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking route #1. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 c/o U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3397 - (28)

A. 1 F-5B, 1 F-5E, from 1035A to 1255A. To photo Target: Block L-9018 to M-0027 to M-0818 to M-0010, Schifferstadt M/Y, Sinsheim Area . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block: L-9018 to M-0027 to M-0818 to M-0010. Schifferstadt M/Y, Sinsheim Area - R-8474, and Nonnweiler RR/Bridge - L-450119. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1130A. WEATHER: CAVU in area.
Mission successful. (Phillip V. Hooke - 1st. Lt.)
Cover Pilot - Mission successful. (Everette E. Custis - 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, F-5E, (ii) 2 attacking target area : Block : L-9018 to M-0027 to M-0818 to M-0010., Schifferstadt M/Y, Sinsheim Area,. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
D. 2hrs. 20 minutes
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3398 * (29)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0950A to 1140A. To photo Target: Block Coverage Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880/. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: five (5) bursts - inaccurate heavy flak at Surbourg. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1115A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 50 minutes
E. Nil
F. nil
G. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3399 - (30)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1005A to 1145A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. RADIO CONTACT: Good. Contac TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1115A. WEATHER: CAVU - medium haze and patches of ground fog. Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 1 hr. 40 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ----- 34/3400 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E from 1025A to 1210A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1040A to 1115A. WEATHER: CAVU - moderate haze. Mission successful. (Garland A. York, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-9664 to Q-4880. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 3 4/3401 - (32)

A. 1 P-5E, from 1015A to 1130A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed heavy artillery fire in the Area of Niederbronn. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1115A. WEATHER: slight haze in target area.
Mission successful. (Lt. Robert G. VonoTempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) P-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5493 to Q-9580 to R-0656 to R-3744 to R-2830 to Q-8650 to Q-8664 to Q-4880. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr 15 minutes
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3402 (33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1010A to 1215A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-2371 to R-5861 to R-4230 to R-1652. Amm/Factory at R-393551, Guns Defending R-243569. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-2371 to R-5861 to R-4230 to R-1652. Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371. Block : 2371 (0) - 5861 to 4 939 to 1652. Karlsruhe A/F, Gun at R-243569. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1115A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze., Mission partially successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-2371 to R-5861 to R-4230 to R-1652, Amm/Factory, - R-393551 Gund Defending R-243569. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3403 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1015A to 1215A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-2371 to R-5861, to R-4939 to R-1652. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed large fire in M/Y at Bruchsal - also large fire in the city of Pirmasens. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-2371 to R-5861 to R-4939 to R-1652. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1125A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (William J. Andres - F/O/)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-2371 to R-5861 to R-4939 to R-1652. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3404 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E, 1 F-5B, from 1440A to 1640A. To photo Target: Rotweil Area, Schwenningen Area, Villingen Area, Donau/Eschingen Area, Sengen Area, Oberlauchringen Area, Waldshut Area, OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: one (1) jet A/C over Freiberg heading East at 35,000 ft., ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Rotweil - W-6652, Schwenningen W-5941, Villingen W-5440, Donau/Eschingen W-5726, Sengen W-8307, Oberlauchringen B-4492, and Waldshut B-3692. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1600A. WEATHER: CAVU in area - light haze., Mission successful . (Allen R. Keith, Capt.)
Mission successful - Cover Pilot 0 (Joe NMI Merkle, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, F-5B, (ii) 2 attacking target: Rotweil Area, Schwenningen Area, Villingen Area, Donau/Eschingen Area, Sengen Area, Oberlauchringen Area, Waldshut Area,. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
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H. nil

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ----- 34/3405 - (39)

A. 1 F-5E from 1400A to 1535A. To photo target: Haslach RR/Station W-2665, Hausach RR/Station W-3365, block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-9357. OBSERVATION: one (1) enemy jet A/C seen over Offenberg at 30,000 ft. heading south turning east below Frieberg. Two (2) enemy jet A/C reported over Hagenau and Laverne heading west. ENEMY AIR: One (1) enemy jet A/C seen over Offenberg at 30,000 ft. heading south turning east below Frieberg. Two (2) enemy jet A/C reported over Hagenau and Laverne heading west. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Haslach RR/Station W-2665, Hausach RR/Station W-3365, block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-9357. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450A to 1515A. WEATHER: CAVU and light haze. Mission successful. (James E. Lively, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Haslach RR/Station W-2665, Hausach RR/Station W-3365, block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-9357. (III) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 35 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3406 -(40)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1420A to 1610A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: V-9357 to W-1157 to W-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. Pin Points: V-970550, W-020540, 020505(W) - Strips: V-950335 to V-905315, W-045315 to W-055345. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: One (1) Twin jet A/C observed North of Strasbourg and flew to Freiburg - turned East then North to Strasbourg and turned West at 1445A. at 39,000 ft., ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: V-9357 to W-1157 to W-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. Pin Points: V-970550, W-020540, W-020505, Strips: V-950335 to V-905315, W-045315 to W-055345. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445A to 1530A. WEATHER: Slight haze in target Area.
Mission successful. (Robert E. Jarrell, Major.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: V-9357 to W-1157 to W-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. Pin Points: V-970550, W-020540, W-020505, - Strips: V-950335 to V-905315, W-045315 to W-055345. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 50 minutes
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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3407 - (41)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1425A to 1630A. To photo Target: RR/Bridge at Steig, RR/Bridge at Loffingen, RR/Bridge at B-297882, M/Y at Tuttlingen, - W-7030. M/Y at Tuttlingen - W-7931. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: one (1) jet A/C over Freiberg at 35,000 ft., heading East. ENEMY FLAK: forty (40) bursts of heavy, inaccurate flak over Hauensteing at 18,000 ft., PHOTOS: RR/Bridge at Loffingen - W-456183, RR/Bridge at B-297882, M/Y at Tuttlingen-W-7030, M/Y at Tuttlingen - W-7931. RADIO CONTACT: Godd. TIME OVER AREA: 1455A to 1545A. WEATHER: CAVU in Area. Mission partially successful. (James F. Frakes, Major.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/Bridge at Steig, RR/Bridge at Loffingen, RR/Bridge at B-297882, M/Y at Tuttlingen - W-7030, M/Y at Tuttlingen - W-7931. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3408 - (42)

A. 2 F-5E's, from 1420A to 1620A. To photo Target: Dormettingen A/F, Freiburg A/F, M/Y at Lautingen, RR/Sta. and M/Y at W-983694, Area Cover - X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551, M/Y at Ninlacker. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot reports M/Y at Offenburg on fire. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: M/Y - at Ninlacker - R-1140. - due to camera failure other photos were unusable. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA. 1500A to 1530A. WEATHER: CAVU in Area. Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st. Lt.) - Mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd. Lt.) - Cover Pilot

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: Dormettingen A/F, Freiburg A/F, M/Y at Lautingen, RR/Sta and M/Y at W-983694, Area Cover - X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551, M/Y at Ninlacker. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil

D. 2 hrs.

E. nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3409 - (43)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1439A to 1640A. To photo Target: Bridge at R-278373, RR/Line - R-048300 to R-170463, M/Y at Dillingen. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: four (4) bursts of heavy, inaccurate flak over Rastatt. PHOTOS: Bridge at R-278373, RR/Line- R-048300 to R-170463, and M/Y at Dillingen - . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500 to 1535A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze. Mission successful. (John H. Fox, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Bridge at R-278373, RR/Line - R-048300 to R-170463, M/Y at Dillingen.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 1 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3410 - (44)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1420A to 1630A. To photo Target: Area - V-9033 to W-0933 to A-9084 to V-9033. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR : Pilot noticed one (1) jet A/C. over Freiburg heading Sout and Turned East at 35,000 ft.,. ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Area: V-9033 to W-0933 to A-9034 to V-9033.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1510A to 1545A.
WEATHER: CAVU - haze in area.
Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target : Area - V-9033 to W-0933 to A-0984 to V-9033. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 321 for 24 hours ending sunset
15 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3411 - (45)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1430A to 1640A. To photo Target: Area : V-9033 to W-0933 to A-9084 to V-9033. OBSERVATIONS: One (1) jet A/C over Freiberg. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Area - V-9033 to W-0933 to A-9084 to V-9033.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1510A to 1540A.
WEATHER: CAVU in target Area.
Mission successful . (Alan H. McClard, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Area: V-9033 to W-0933 to A-9084 to V-9033. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
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USAAF
Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

Ref: 2/15/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 549 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 15 February 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne during the period. First Intruder from 18:25 to 20:05. Intruded Bitche, Wissenbourg, Landau, Germersheim, Karlsruhe area. At 18:55 straffed lights on road at R-2860. No results observed. Straffed convoy at R-3570 heading west. 2 M/T's destroyed and 5 damaged. South of Speyer straffed a group of lights off the road at R-5080. Large fire started immediately and covered an area of 100 yards in diameter. Believed to be gas. Claims: 1 gas supply dump destroyed. Crossed Rhine and flew south. Straffed four different M/T's between Germersheim and Karlsruhe heading north. No results observed. Cannons and machine guns stopped firing so called for homing. At 19:20 just north of Strasbourg and along west bank of Rhine saw 10 orange lights at Angels 5. Lights were evenly spaced in a horizonal position and about 1000 feet behind AC and slightly to port. He dove down when they closed in and lights stayed in position and finally blinked off from left to right at evenly spaced intervals. General observations: M/T on west side of Rhine moving west and southwest. On east side of Rhine convoy movement moving north and northeast. Heavy convoy movement from Speyer going south to Strasbourg on east side of Rhine. Second Intruder from 19:40 to 21:40. Intruded in area from Landau to south of Freiburg. Went to Landau but no observations were made. Flew south on west side of Rhine heading for Freiburg. At 20:40 straffed convoy of 10 M/T's heading north at R-0565. Straffed entire convoy and observed 5 M/T's burning. Claims: 5 M/T's destroyed and 5 damaged. Continued south to vicinity of Freiburg. At 20:45 straffed a string of lights - one red in center, 4 white on each side of red one blinking on and off. No results observed. On northern outskirts of Freiburg sighted a convoy consisting of 15 vehicles heading north. Straffed with cannons and machine guns and sighted one fire. Claims: 1 M/T destroyed and 3 damaged. Only one cannon was firing and 6 machine guns. Saw a large fire south of Ottenheim which could be seen for 25 miles. Only a few scattered lights in area around Freiburg, and since cannons weren't firing started for base. Sighted a heavy allied raid on Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. Third Intruder from 22:15 to 22:45. Shortly after takeoff developed a rough engine so returned to base. Fourth Intruder from 04:20 to 04:45. Returned due to bad weather conditions.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI, AI Mark VIII
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Four

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 4:35

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E. (i) 4000 x 20MM
24000 x .303
(ii) 435 x 20MM
1700 x .303
(iii) None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. 8 M/T Destroyed
18 M/T Damaged
1 Gas Supply Dump Destroyed

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (P)
APO 374, U S ARMY

21 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 285.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 285 for 24 hours ending sunset 20 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO- 3, 4, 5, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0806 hours, 20 February 1945, Lt. Campbell leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs and fired 24 x 4.5 rockets, also dropped 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a Jerry Command Post at G-532645. 6 buildings were completely destroyed. 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on Eschringen, some fires were started but no other damage was observed. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered at G-539659. Time down at A-96, 1009 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0824 hours, 20 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. and 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a Supply and M/T depot at G-949527, all bombs were direct hits and the entire target was destroyed. Squadron strafed a train headed North at W-7486, 40 flat cars were loaded with 70 M/T's. The locomotive and 50 M/T's were destroyed, many of them exploded, 10 were damged and the entire train was ablaze. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered at G-949527. Time down at A-96, 1050 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0831 hours, 20 February 1945, Lt. Huttenberger leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb. and 5 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a Supply Dump at M-357698, 2 large explosions resulted from 2 buildings, 2 freight cars were destroyed, 1 railcut scored, 6 light flak positions damaged. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a tunnel at M-181914, 1 direct hit was scored in a gully over the tunnel. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on 1 locomotive and 1 car at M-2586, both locomotive and car was destroyed. 1 building was strafed and destroyed East of Kaiserlautern. 3 locomotives and 20 box cars destroyed, 40 box cars damaged. 1 large M/T was strafed and destroyed at G-9789. 1 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs was dropped North of Landau, 2 buildings were destroyed. 2 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped SW of Landau., with unobserved results. Intense, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at M-357698. Time down at A-96, 1022 hours.

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B. 1. 48 x P47D's.
2. 48.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 48 sorties.

C. 1. 12 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 12 jettisoned.

D. 1. 101:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 91,200 x .50 cal.
2. 37,715.
3. None.

F. 1. 48 x 500 lb. G.P.,X. Inst.
24 x 460 lb. M-17 Incendiary Clusters.
24 x 4.5 Rockets.
2. 48 x 500 lb.
24 x 460 lb.
24 x 4.5"
3 and 4, None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.
11 buildings destroyed
1 Supply Dump destroyed
1 " " damaged
5 locomotives destroyed
51 M-4's destroyed
12 M-4's damaged
23 railroad cars destroyed
40 " " damaged
1 railcut
6 light flak positions damaged
1 RR tunnel damaged.

For the Group Commander:

Henry B. Lee
Henry B. Lee,
1st Lt., AAF Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
20 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 20 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2818

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1135 down at 1335, target trains in St. Nighert - Kaiserlauten area. Flight bombed 1 loco & 50 plus boxcars at Q-6892. T.O.T. 1250, bomb run to 500', 1 hit building N. of tracks destroying it, 20 hits in town W of train, 8 buildings destroyed, 1 hit boxcars, 2 destroyed. 4 A/C strafed & damaged 4 boxcars. Scant LAA at target. Weather, hazy to 4000', visibility 3 miles, 10/10ths base 7500' with rain at Kaiserlauten. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2819

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1145 down at 1345, target, loco & 50 plus boxcars at R-717465. T.O.T. 1300, bomb run to 1000', 6 direct hits on cars, destroying 9. 2 hits W of train, 4 hits E. of train, 1 hit in town at R-722460, 2 hits at R-715465, no damage & 2 unobserved. 1 A/C strafed town of Bretten at R-710490, started large fire in N central part of town. 7 A/C strafed 1 loco & 25 boxcars at R-584530, loco & 5 cars damaged. 1 bomb fell in woods at R-585528, results unobserved. Scant small arms fire at R-584530. 12 rockets fired at train, no hit observed. Lt. Berlin last seen at 500' on strafing run at R-584530 at 1310 hours. M.I.A. Weather 8/10ths - 10/10ths top 9500' & haze to ground in target area. Rhine Valley from Neustadt - Rastatt, 4/10ths - 6/10ths base 8500', haze to ground. Saverne 10/10ths 6500' lowering towards base, visibility poor. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd., 4 x 100 lb Phos., 12 Rockets.

Mission 2820

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1145 down at 1325, target, small M/Y at R-283558. T.O.T. 1225, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits near misses by loco, loco damaged, 4 hits on rails in M/Y, 2 unobserved, 2 direct hits on train destroying 2 & damaging 3 boxcars, 2 near misses by train damaging 3 boxcars, 4 hits amont 15 boxcars, destroying 8 (flamers). 4 A/C strafed 1 loco & 10 passenger cars at Neustadt, loco damaged. Med. LAA at Neustadt. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. 2 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #2. Weather at base, visibility 1 mile - Saverne, 2 miles - 10/10ths base 9000'. Neustadt, 10/10ths base 5000' Mannheim N. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2821

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1155 down at 1355, target, loco & 30 plus boxcars at R-550635. T.O.T. 1245, bomb run to 1000', 6 near misses along train, damaging loco, 5 misses, 7 hits on boxcars, 8 cars destroyed, 6 damaged. 3 A/C strafed 2 locos in Heidelberg M/Y, 1 loco damaged. 4 A/C strafed 2 locos at R-635915, 2 locos damaged. Intense LAA at Heidelberg M/Y, mod. LAA at R-6289. Weather E & N of Heidelberg, 10/10ths base 1000', hazy to Rhine, visibility 3 miles, 10/10ths 8500' E of Rhine & N of Beuchsal. 8/10ths base 5000'. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs at Q-4117. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2822

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1150 down at 1405, target, M/Y at R-205688. T.O.T. 1305, bomb run to 2000', 3 hits in small town N. of M/Y at R-210690 causing 2 large green explosions & 3 orange explosions, 10 hits on boxcars, 8 cars destroyed, 1 hit in M/Y and 1 unobserved. 2 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs, 2 x 460 in lake at Q-465302 & 2 x 500 in lake at Q-410175, 1 sortie credited. Scant inaccurate HAA at Landau. Weather 8/10ths - 10/10ths top 9500', haze to ground in target area. Rhine Valley from Neustadt to Rastadt 4/10ths - 10/10ths base 8500' haze to ground. Saverne 10/10ths 6500' lowering towards base, visibility poor. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2823

7 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1215 down at 1350, target, flat & boxcars at M-1703. T.O.T. 1250, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits destroyed 4 boxcars, 4 hits scattered on train destroyed 6 boxcars, 2 near misses damaged 1 boxcar, 2 misses & 2 unobserved. 3 A/C strafed 2 locos with 4 boxcars each, damaged 2 locos. 3 A/C strafed 16 coal cars at R-3366, 4 cars damaged. Scant accurate LAA from Landau. Weather, haze to 4000' over entire route, 10/10ths 6000' to 9000', visibility poor. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #2. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs in lake at Q-4217, no sortie. Bombs exp: 8 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd.

Note 4 B	(i)	46	
	(ii)	42	
	(iii)e.	4	
	(vi)	1	Flak
	(vii)	2	flak, Cat. #1
		3	Flak, Cat. #2
	(viii)	43	
C	(i)	3	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	83:20	
Note 6 E	(i)	92,000	
	(ii)	17,260	
	(iii)	2,000	
Note 7 F	(i)	70 x 500 lb GP	
		22 x 460 lb Incd.	
		17 x 100 lb Phos.	
		12 Rockets	
	(ii)	62 x 500 lb GP	
		20 x 460 lb Incd.	
		17 x 100 lb Phos.	
		12 Rockets	
	(iii)	6 x 500 lb GP	
		2 x 460 lb Incd.	
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP	
Note 8 G		1	Pilot M.I.A.

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
Locos		8
RR cars	45	26
Buildings	9	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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APO 374 U.S. Army

22 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending Sunset 20 February 1945.

2. From 358th Fighter Group

3. Oprep No: 219.

For the Group Commander:

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JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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APO 374 U.S. Army

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23 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 219 for the period ending Sunset 20 February 1945, in lieu of the negative report heretofore submitted.

4. Mission: Weather Reconnaissance.

A. 2 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched on weather reconnaissance at 0935 hours. Down at home base at 1035 hours.

B. (i) 2 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 2 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 2

C. Nil

D. (i) 2:00

E. (i) 4,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil
I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 20 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - WEATHER ENROUTE AND OVER TARGET.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Signature
JOSEPH B. BUTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 20 Feb 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

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No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

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d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force, (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No 127 for 24 hrs ending sunset 20 February 1945. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3803, TR/5/20/15

A. 2 F 60's from 08:10 to 10:10 to recce Saargemund, Saarbrucken, Neunkirchen, St. Wendel, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens, Bitche. OBSNS: 2 locos S/U St. Ingbert M/Y. 1 train, 20 boxcars mvg N from Saarbrucken. 2 locos mvg N into Ottweiler. 1 train, 10 plus boxcars Ottoweiler M/Y. 3 locos S/U Neunkirchen M/Y. NMS Saarbrucken, Neunkirchen area on secondary or main roads. 4 locos S/U 50-75 boxcars and approximately 10 gondolas (empty) Homburg M/Y. 3 locos S/U Zweibrucken M/Y. 1 large van mvg W Q-9073 to Zweibrucken. NMS Pirmasens-Bitche on main or secondary roads. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Fair. TOA: 08:45 to 09:55. WEATHER: 10/10 7000' Saarbasin with scattered rain showers: Vis 1 mile.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3804 TR/5/20/15

A. 2 F 60's from 08:15 to 10:40 to recce Rastatt, Freudenstadt, W-7385, Kehl. OBSNS: 1 MT mvg N at R-2911 & 1 MT mvg S R-2708. 3 MTs mvg S at R-3321. 5 MTs stat, 3 facing W 2 E at R-4323. 8 barrage ballons 500' over lake at R-4307. 2 locos S/U facing S at R-4608. 4 flat cars loaded (not MTs) on siding R-4608. 3 locos S/U (facing un obs) 200 boxcars M/Y at W-7083. 1 train 40 flat cars loaded with MTs mvg N at W-7385. (Called to Controller, led Starry flight to target; F/Bs strafed train), observed 2-3 fires on train. 1 train, 20 boxcars mvg N W-8191. 1 MT mvg W R-2601 2 MTs mvg N R-2107. 2 MTs mvg N R-2107, 1 destroyed. E/A: Nil. E/F: Small arms fire at R-2601. PHOTOS: Yes Train W-7385, successful. R/C: Good. TOA: 08:30 to 10:25. WEATHER: CAVU, haze.
B. (i) 2 F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 1180. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3805 TR/16/20/23

A. 2 F 60's from 08:20 to 10:20 to recce Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Heilrbonn, Bietigheim, Karlsruhe, Offenburg. OBSNS: 6 locos S/U Karlsruhe M/Y. 2 trains S/U Worth M/Y. 1 train S/U Bruchsal M/Y. 1 train, 40 plus (type unobs) mvg E into Bruchsal. 2 trains mvg N into Heidelberg. 1 train mvg N into Schwetzingen & 2 locos S/U in yards Heidelberg M/Y approx 1/3 filled and 5 locos S/U. 1 train stat S/U 50 plus boxcars facing N at R-7687. 1 train mvg N R-6295. 1 train, 25 plus cars half were empty flatcars and the rest boxcars, called to Controller. 50 plus barges stat on Necker R between R-7789 & R-9196. 1 train 60 plus boxcars mvg NE R-9197. 1 train 2 plus boxcars and 1 train 40 plus boxcars both facing NW in Eberbach M/Y R-9196. R-9789 to R-9985 30 plus barges stat on Necker R. 1 train 40 plus cars (30 plus were boxcars rest unobs as to type) mvg NE at S-0386 and 2 locos S/U in yards. 1 train mvg E R-9772 (type & no of cars unobs) 3 trains 50 plus cars (one with all boxcars facing N, one with approx 10 empty flat cars facing N, one with mostly boxcars, 2 ambulance cars and 2 flat cars w/girders, facing SE stat in Heilbronn M/Y. 1 train mvg E into Heilbron (type & no unobs) 1 train w/30 boxcars stat facing W and 2 locos S/U Bietigheim M/Y. 3 locos S/U Ludwigsburg M/Y and yards 1/4 filled. 1 train, 40 plus boxcars, gondolas, tankcars and flat cars (2 or 3 had lumber loaded on them, rest empty) mvg W to R-9241. 1 train, 60 plus boxcars mvg W into Muhlecker. 1 train, 75 plus boxcars, gondolas, tankers, flatcars empty mv g NW out ofPforzheim. 1 train stat facing E into Muhlecker M/Y w/30 plus boxcars. 1 train in Pforzheim M/Y (number, type and dir unobs). 1 train 50 plus boxcars mvg W R-6341. 1 train stat facing E 20 plus boxcars R-5946. 1 train mvg W 60 plus boxcars at R-5946. 1 train mvg W 60 plus boxcars at R-5946. 1 train 15 plus ambulance cars stat

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OPERATIONS NO. 3805, TR/16/20/23 (continued).

facing S W-1794. All mvts called to Controller, no F/B's attacked, radio contact poor. E/A: Nil. E/F: Scant, inaccurate, light at R-2684. PHOTOS: Mil. R/C: Nil. TOA: 08:40 to 10:00. WEATHER: 10/10 5-8000' battle area. Ground haze Rhine Valley and West.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): NIL. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 360. (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

20 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM : 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 153 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 20 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 478 TR/1/20/1

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0830-1045. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Large fire at W-0398. 1 Train in tunnel at Q-9868. Approximately 12 M/T going BW between Q-9074 and Pirmasens. Approx. 50 box cars in M/Y at Pirmasens, NMS. M/Y at Landau 1/4 full,, 1 train 40-50 box cars S/U, STAT, facing N; 4 Locos S/U, STAT in yard. 1 Loco S/U, STAT, facing N at Q-1747. 1large loco, STAT, partially obscured by smoke from smoke pots at R-2555. 4-50 box cars in groups of 5-10 each along RR from R-2855 to Wissemburg. Supply dumps at R-1958, R-2054. Radio tower approx 40' high at R-1247. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-1 at Wissemburg. PHOTOS: Vertical of Supply dump at R-1958, 3500', 215°, at 0940 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0855-1020. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 5-8 mi in haze.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:30 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii) 30 rds. (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 479 TR/12/20/5

A. 2 F6Cs from 0830-1035. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Zweibrucken M/Y 1/4 full, 4 locos S/U in yard. 1 Train with number of cars unknown, facing W, STAT, at Q-7272--called to controller. Homburg M/Y 1/3 full, 10 locos, S/U; 2 trains, 20 box cars each, S/U, STAT, one facing N and one facing S. 10 Scattered M/T moving all directions vicinity of Homburg. 1 Train, 12 flat cars with camouflaged M/T or tanks, moving W at Q-8991--called to controller. Kaiserlautern M/Y 1/4 full, 8 locos S/U , and 8 flat cars in M/Y with camouflaged M/T or tanks in yard--called to controller. 1 Train, 6 box cars, moving N at M-2119, --called to controller. Ludwigshafen M/Y 4 locos S/U; M/Y 1/4 full. Landau M/Y 1/4 full, 4 locos S/U; 1 train, 30 cars, facing N in yard--called to controller. Germersheim has 7 barrage balloons--3 at 3500 ft. and 4 at 5000 ft. Possible dump at R-1995. 6 Buildings with red crosses at R-2256. Military barracks at R-2551, and R-3148, no activity. 12 Buildings with red crosses and 4 M/T with red crosses and white tops at Q-7373. Military barracks at Q-7475. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 0845-1010. WEATHER: 10/10, 7500 ft.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "D" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:10 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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OPERATIONS NO. 480 TR/24/20/9

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6D from 0820-1000. To recce in Area "Route 2". OBSERVATIONS: Large fire at Kehl. 1 Train, 25 hospital cars, at W-1894 at 0840 hours, and moving S into Offenburg at 0930, hours. M/Y at Offenburg 1/4 full, 2 locos working. Fires on E edge of Lahr. Small dump at Emmendingen. M/Y at Freiburg 1/4 full, 6 locos working. 1 Train, 10 flat cars loaded with 10 M/T at W-1271, STAT, no loco. 1 Flat cars loaded with 10 M/T painted white at W-1929. Barrage balloons scattered between Freiburg and Neustadt. 1 Train, loco both in front and back, 20 box cars, moving E into tunnel at W-2225. Train, 10 passenger cars, STAT, S/U, facing W at "W-2425. 3 M/T, STAT and 4 M/T both ways at W-2624. Small temporary dump at W-3425. 1 Loco working in M/T at Neustadt. Small temporary dump at W-525280. 2 locos working in M/Y at Donaueschengen. 2 locos, STAT, S/U, at W-5537. 1 Train, 20 box cars, STAT, S/U, facing N at W-5537. M/Y at Villengen 1/3 full, 4 locos working. 20 Hospital cars and 1 loco working at W-490485. Small temporary dump at W-4648. 4 locos working M/Y 1/4 full at Hausach. 3-4 scattered M/T , various directions, vicinity of Emmendingen. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0840-0930. WEATHER: 10/10, 8000' base--visi 5 miles.

B. 1 F6B & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking "Route 2" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3:20 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 481 TR/9/20/13

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0900-1030. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Factory activity at Neunkirchen. M/Y at Neunkirchen 1/3 full, NMS. NMS on RR from Neunkirchen to Birkenfeld. Factory activity at Homburg. M/Y at Homburg 1/2 full, 4 locos working. 1 Train, 30-100 cars, mostly box cars, STAT, facing SW at M-2555. 1 Train 20 cars moving SW at M-2253. 1 Train 2-30 cars moving NW into Bingen. 2 trains 20-30 cars each, STAT, S/U, facing E/W at M-1349. Train, moving N at M-0611. Checked Kaiserlautern area for M/T at Baggage request-- none observed. M/Y, SE Kaiserlautern, 1/2 full. 4 locos working. M/Y, W edge of Kaiserlautern, 1/3 full, 1 train loaded with flat cars, STAT, S/U, facing SW. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H at Hornbach. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 0915-1015 WEATHER: 10/10 at 7500'-- visi 1 mile.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "C" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3:00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 326 for 24 hours ending sunset
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Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/20/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 554 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 20 February 1945.

A. Five Beaufighters airborne during the period. First Intruder from 18:25 to 20:05. Intruded in Freiburg, Karlsruhe, Ludwigshafen, Neustadt area. Observed 8/L at Landau and 2 8/L between Landau and Mannheim. No M/T or rail traffic observed. Observed 8 8/L at Mannheim and 1 north of Mannheim. Visibility very poor so returned to base. Second Mission from 21:15 to 21:50. Scrambled for Bogie, but A/I became U/S shortly after takeoff. Third Mission from 22:05 to 01:35. Scrambled for Bogie in Mulhouse area. At 23:05 made chase for Bogie that was going in direction of Switzerland. No contact made. Was taken off by GCI when Bogie reached the Swiss border. At 23:45 had another chase, but Bogie was lost by GCI before contact could be made. At 00:45 was put on chase of a Bogie that was coming out of Switzerland. Bogie pulled away before contact could be made. Patrolled all during period northeast and southwest between Mulhouse and Basle. Fourth Mission from 01:25 to 05:30 . During the period had three chases, but no contacts were made, as GCI could not give them enough help. Patrolled all during period north, east and west of Basle. Fifth mission from 04:00 to 04:50. Returned to base due to M/T trouble. Blew tire in takeoff and crashed while landing. A/C completely demolished.

B. (i) Five Beaufighters Mark VI - AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) Two
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) 1 Beaufighter No. HV-919 crashed in landing accident.
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Five

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 10:30

E. (i) 5000 x 20 M
30000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

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(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Five

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 10:30

E. (i) 5000 x 20.M
30000 x .30
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.Q.R.)

From: 111PH TAC. RECCN. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 123 for 24 hours ending sunset, 16 February, '45.

OPERATIONS NO. 3778, TR/4/16/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0710-0940. To recce area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 1 large MT, 1 HDT, and 1 small MT mvg. east at Ledach Q-4191. 20 plus empty boxcars parked Q-4989.1 train with 15 plus flat cars east Q-5486. 1 train with 30 plus boxcars mvg. south Q-5284. 1 train with 30 plus boxcars mvg. south into Neuenkirchen. 1 train with 20 plus boxcars mvg. west from Neuenkirchen. 1 locomotive mvg. NE into Neuenkirchen M/Y..250 plus boxcars in yards. 1 train stationary facing west Q-6184. 1 loco. 60 plus boxcars in M/Y Q-5476. 1 train with 70 plus gondolas, loaded with unidentified objects mvg. south Q-7388. 1/MT and 1 small MT stationary facing south Q-7284. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0730-0940. WEATHER: Low fog and haze 8/10 1500-2000'. Overcast from line-Q-7080-Q-5353-SE.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii)-(vii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3779, TR/10/16/18.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0720-0940. To recce Kaiserslautern area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 locomotives and 1 train entering yards from east at Kaiserslautern M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0740-0910. WEATHER: Low stratus 9/10, top 300', bottom on ground. Vis 2 miles.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3780, TR/24/16/24.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0720-0945. To recce and photo route 2. OBSERVATIONS: 4 locos. and 1 train in Offenburg M/Y...also 40 boxcars stationary facing south. 1 MT mvg. south out of Gengenbach. 1 MT mvg. north fromHaslach. 1 train with 60 flat cars mvg. north W-2067. 4 locos. with steam up Haslach M/Y. 1 train with 10 boxcars south W-3563. 1 train 10 boxcars mvg. south W-3758. 1 train with 10 boxcars, 1 train with 30 boxcars, stationary facing south at W-3848. 4 locos. with steam up, 100 boxcars in M/Y at W-5440. 1 loco. at W-5728. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. east W-6624. ENEMY AIR:Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Smoke from bldg. which has some connection to excavating or ruining operations in vicinity of W-557405. Airdrome at C-3296:Hard surface runway serviceable. South approach has been extended. 2 large nets over 4 revettments SE corner of A/D Facilities have been severely damaged south end of A/D. 7-8 fuel tanks in revettments. 6 gun batteries (L) AA unoccupied at C-343997, and C-339989.4 gun battery (H) C-341989. 3 gun batteries (L) unoccupied at C-339984, C-331986, C-324980. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0740-0915. WEATHER: CAVU over area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Route 2. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 420 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3781, TR/12/16/20.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0945. To recce Worms-Karlsruhe-Zweibrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 6 locos. with steam up in Worms M/Y. 3 trains NE into Ludwigshafen, 1 with 20 boxcars. 1 train south into Germersheim. 8 locos. with steam up stationary Karlsruhe M/Y. Yards 1/3 filled. 3 ambulances stationary in town at Q-6764. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0930. WEATHER: 9/10 on ground.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking. Worms-Zweibrucken. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3782, TR/4/16/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1130-1330. To recce Neuenkirchen-Homburg-Zweibrucken-Hornbach area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 loco. mvg. east in east M/Y at Neuenkirchen. 1 train with 50 empty coal cars stationary facing east M/Y at Neuenkirchen. 4 barges 2 loaded, 2 empty, stationary in river at Q-4471. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-3284. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-3992, and 1 at Q-4373. 1 MT mvg. north at Q-4869. 8 MT scattered south between Homburg and Zweibrucken. 2 MT mvg. north at Q-7370. 1 large MT mvg. north at Q-6975. 1 train, 40 empty coal cars stationary facing east Q-6384. Crawford F/B's hit train. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at Q-6384. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1145-1315. WEATHER: 10/10 ground fog Kaiserlautern-Pirmasens.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Neuenkirchen-Hornbach. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3783, TR/26//16/26.

A. 2 F6 C's. from 1250-1500. To recce route 2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train of 30 boxcars and 6 plus flat cars with MT or tanks stationary, at W-2272. Two flights of F/B's hit them. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at W-2272. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1310-1445. WEATHER: 10/10 1-2000' Rhine valley.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking route 2. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil, for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3784, TR/25/16/25.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1300-1500. To recce and photo in Route 2 area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. SE at W-2982, and 1 at W-3295. 1 MT mvg. south at W-2376, and 1 SE at W-2370. 1 train of 40-60 flat cars all loaded with tanks and MT.. had been attacked by F/B's. 2 MT mvg. south at W-3661. 1 MT mvg. west at W-4348. 50 boxcars in M/Y at W-4548. 50 boxcars in M/Y at W-4946. 14 MT in park just west off main road at W-1630..6 barrage baloons. 2 MT mvg. NW at W-1930. 1 MT mvg. SW out of Freiburg. 4 MT scattered mvg. NW out of Freiburg to Kenzingen. 1 large MT towing large gunmvg. NE W-1630. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: 51 car train stopped on south bend of trucks at W-244655--20 of these cars loaded with MT. 23 cars on loading siding at W-242660. RR bridge repaired at W-256670. 3 gun battery (L) at W-234674..2 occupied at present. 33 RR cars at station, mostly boxcars W-166299. 9 MT on road W-168300. 3 gun battery (L) AA at W-167302. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1320-1445. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking route 2. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3785, TR 10B.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1300-1500. To recce area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 2 MT mvg. north into Homburg. 2 MT mvg. west into Mainz. 300 large barges between Mainz and Oppenheim. 2 locos. and 100 boxcars mvg. north at W-5333. 60-100 boxcars in M/Y at Q-9695. 50 boxcars in M/Y at Q-9995. Many crates, and other material in M/Y at Q-9993. 6 MT mvg. west and 4 MT mvg. east between Q-9795, and Q-9993. 100 boxcars in M/Y at R-0595. 2 MT mvg. west in Kaiserslautern. 5 or 6 other MT in Kaiserslautern. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1320-1440. WEATHER: 7/10 fog.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii),
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3786, TR/14/16/22.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1330-1515. To recce area "E". OBSERVATIONS: 150 boxcars in Worth M/Y. 4 MT stationary at R-2831. 200 plus boxcars in Germersheim M/Y. 300 plus boxcars in Speyer M/Y. 4 locos in Ludwigshafen M/Y intact. 3 MT stationary facing north R-2267. 2 locos, with steam up in Landau M/Y. 2 locos, with steam up in Neustadt M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1500. WEATHER: 4/10 ground haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "E". (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3787, TR/6/16/16.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1400-1600. To recce andphoto in area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. NW Q-3992. 1 switch loco. in M/Y at Neuenkirchen. 1 loco, steam up facing west M/Y at Homburg. 2 MT mvg. east at Q-8289. 1 MT mvg. south in Pirmasens. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Numerous bomb craters in open fields at Q-473925. RR viaducts intact at Q-624839, and Q-629836. More craters at Q-616855, and Q-625859. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1545. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3789, TR/11/16/19.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1530-1615. To recce Kaiserslautern-Mainz-Worms-Bingen-area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 loco. with steam up in St. Ingbert M/Y, mvg. SW out of yards. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1600. WEATHER: CAVU with haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's..(ii) 2attacking Kaiserslautern-Bingen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3790, TR/27/16/27.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1630-1745. To recce Strassbourg-Villingen-Freiburg-Colmar. OBSERVATIONS: 2 white MT mvg. east at W-2865. Fire in M/Y at Hornberg. 1 loco. mvg. south out of M/Y at Villingen. 4 barrage baloons at 3000' at Steig. 3 barrage baloons at 3000' at W-2226. 1 MT stationary facing west at W-1929. 1 smalll MT mvg. west at W-1830. 2 locos. with steam up in south Freiburg M/Y. North Freiburg M/Y about 60% filled. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1730. WEATHER: 10/10 2000' over Rhine. CAVU Black Forest.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3790, TR/27/16/27, Cont'd.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Colmar. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 60 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3791, TR/7/16/17.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1645-1815. To recce area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 2 large MT mvg. west at R-1267. 1 loco. with steam up mvg. west at Q-6881. 1 loco. with steam up in Zweibrucken M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1700-1755. WEATHER: CAVU. Haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "B". (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3792, TR/11/16/42.

A. 2 F6 C's. from 1645-1830. To recce Kaiserslautern-Mainz-Worms-Bingen area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 loco, mvg. east into Kaiserslautern M/Y. 2 locos with steam up in Kaiserslautern M/Y2 locos. stat. facing south , and 2 trains of 20 plus bo xcars eachstationary facing north in Grunstedt M/Y. 2 locos with steam up in Worms M/Y. 1 train of 30 boxcars mvg. south at M-4345. 1 loco mvg. north at M-4345. 1 train of 30 boxcars mvg. west at M-3161. 1 train of 20 boxcars mvg. east at M-2956. 1 train of 40 boxcars mvg. NE at M-2555. 1 loco. mvg. NE M-2555. 3 large MT mvg. SW at M-2051. 1 train of 20 boxcars mvg. east at M-1551. 1 train of 30 boxcars mvg. north M-1247. 1 loco. mvg. SW into Bad Kreuznach M/Y. 1 loco. mvg. north in Frankenthal M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate , light-scant-inaccurate at Frankenthal. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1700-1815. WEATHER: CAVU.. Haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern-Bingen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

16February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 154 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 16 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 452 TR/8/16/4

A. 1 F6-C & 1F6-D from 0750-0950. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Zweibrucken 1/3 full, 2 trains approx 30 boxcars each, STAT, S/U, fac SE. M/Y Neunkirchen approx 1/3 full, 5 trains 20-30 B/C each, STAT, S/U, fac E. 5 barges approx 60' long pulled by tug mvg E on canal at Q-6585. 1 train approx B/C and 30 open cars, carrying what appeared to be heavy machinery, STAT, S/U, fac SW at Q-7490 (called to Controller). 2 trains approx 30 B/C each and 1 train approx 20 pass. cars, STAT, S/U fac NE., on siding NE Homburg Q-7181. M/Y Homburg unobserved due to weather. 4 M/T heading SW at Q-7188. Rest of area unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0930. WEATHER: 10/10 from deck to 1000' over entire area.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 60 rds. (iii)NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 453 TR/16/16/6

A. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C from 0755-0945. To recce in area "F". OBSERVATIONS: At 0845 1 loco, no. of cars unk. mvg S at R-4419. 25 B/C at R-3633. Factory active at R-3827. Large fire 2 mi E and SE of Baden-Baden, smoke rising to 5000'. 20 plus grey B/C at Buhl R-2912. Rastatt M/Y empty. No activity seen Karlsruhe M/Y. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0930. WEATHER: Socked in N of Karlsruhe.
B. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C. (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.40 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 454 TR/1/16/1

A. 2 F6-C's from 0755-0945. To recce in area "E". OBSERVATIONS: From Wingen along RR to Lingweiler our forces were shelling all along RR, both towns are burning. Artillery Cub directing fire over Bischweiller. One Tiger Tank fac N at Ettlingen. No RR movement Karlsruhe-Ettlingen. RR bdg R-3429 app unserv. At R-2923 on E edge of woods, there are stacks of corded wood, probable supply dump. Factories active at Baden-Baden along S side of RR, R-3719. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0835-0925. WEATHER: Narrow strip open between Saarbrucken and Karlsruhe. S of that open area 10/10 at 700'.
B. 2 F6-C's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "E". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.40 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 455 A/28/16/28

A. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C from 1255-1455. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Checked in with Courtpot at 1330. 1st rd: observed to hit in field SE of T/G. Correction add 400. No deflection. 2nd rd: hit 300 yds SE of T/G. Correction 100 left repeat range. 3rd: rd: landed 150 yds SE of T/G. Correction left 100 add 100. 4th rd: landed 50 yds NE of T/G Correction left 20 drop 20. 5th rd: landed 30 yds SW of T/G. Correction repeat range. 6th rd: landed 50 yds S of T/G. Correction add 50. 7th rd: hit 20 yds to right of T/G. Correction left 20. No more rounds fired. Air to air radio contact good, but leaders plane could not contact ground controller. Commands were relayed through Weaver. Left T/G at 1440. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, Q-6070. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1315-1445. WEATHER: Vis 5 miles, ceiling unlimited. PHOTOS: NIL
B. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.oo hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 Cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 456 TR/22/16/12

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-B from 1320-1525. To recce in route #1. OBSERVATIONS: 30 boxcars on siding at R-4049. M/Y E of Karlsruhe 2/3 full, NMS. 2 trains, 15 boxcars each, STAT, S/U, facing N in M/Y S of Karlsruhe, called to controller. 30 boxcars on siding at R-5945. M/Y Pforzheim 1/2 full, 2 locos, STAT, S/U, fac W. Train, 15 boxcars mvg N into Pforzheim, called to controller. Loco mvg W int o Pforzheim. 80 plus boxcars and 2 trains 10 boxcars each, S/U, STAT, in M/Y at Muhlacken. 150 plus boxcars at Heilbronn and two trains, 15 boxcars each, STAT, S/U, fac N called to controller. Barges in canal at following points: 20 at S-0969, 5 or 6 at S-0084, 12 at R-8595. 30 boxcars in M/Y at Ebenbach. M/Y S Heidelberg, 1/2 full, NMS, called to controller. Approx 300 boxcars along RR between R-6194 and R-5596. M/Y Germersheim 3/4 full, NMS. 12 Barrage Balloons over S part of Germersheim, 1500'. Dump at R-9675 active. Enemy Air: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique of dump at R-9675 2000' 270° at 1430. Dump, Oblique, R-9675 2000' 90° at 1450. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1500. WEATHER: Ground haze, no ceiling.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-B. (ii) 2 attaking route "#1". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 60 rds. (iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 457 TR/18/16/8

A. 2 F6-C's from 1330-1545. To recce in area "F". OBSERVATIONS: RR and Hwy at bridge at Rastatt appears unserv., 6 road bridges appear serv. M/Y at Rastatt empty, appears to be unserv. 20 boxcars on siding at R-4233, called to controller. M/Y at Ettingen empty. M/Y Karlsruhe 3/4 full, 2 locos, S/U, working in yard. M/Y Pforzheim 1/2 full, 2 locos, S/U working in yard. Hwy bridge at Calw R-7515 unserv. 1 loco working, mvg N at R-8514. Hwy bridge over RR on N edge of Boblingen appears serv. NMS on RR from Boblingen to Horb. M/Y at Horb 2/3 full, NMS, called to controller. NMS on RR from Horb to Freudenstadt. M/Y at Freudenstadt 1/2 full, 1 train 50-60 cars (cars appeared to be tank cars), S/U, STAT, fac N, called to controller and P-47's blew up loco and bombed M/Y. 4 Hwy bridges bet ween Freudenstadt and W-4890 appear serv. M/Y Offenberg, 3/4 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H at Freudenstadt. PHOTOS: Vertical of M/Y at W-5085 7000' 220° at 1430. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1525. WEATHER: 10/10 base1000', tops 2500' S of Offenberg.
B. 2 F6-C's. (ii) 2 attaking area "F". (iii-vii)NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 20 rds. (iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 458 & 451 TR/21/16/11 & TR/20/16/10

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 0745 & 1125- 0930 & 1330. To recce in Route # 1. OBSERVATIONS: No a/c or activity on A/D at Karlsruhe. 20 B/C at R-5456. 15 B/C at R-5773. M/Y Hockenheim damaged at E end, 35 mixed cars, NMS. M/Y Mannheim 1/3 full, 3 locos working. Factory activity at R-6194. M/Y Heidelberg 1/2 full, NMS. Fire on hill at R-7283. M/Y Neckargemund R-7788 1/2 full, NMS. 100 B/C in groups of 10-15 between R-7881 and R-7688. Hwy cut and vehicles pranged by P-47's at R -8784. M/Y 1/4 full at R-8091, NMS. M/Y at R-9097 almost empty, NMS. 50 B/C at R-9591. RR intersection and M/Y 1/3 full at R-9984, 1 loco working. 45 cars in M/Y at S-0572, 1/4 full, NMS. 45 cars in M/Y at S-0477, NMS. Permanent supply dump in wooded area at R-9774. M/Y Heilbronn 1/2 full, 2 locos working. 40 B/C and gondolas & loaded flat cars, STAT, S/U, fac S at S-0343, D/B by P-47's, resu lts unobserved. M/Y at R-9241 1/3 full, NMS. 100 gondolas at R-7644. 22 tanks cars, 20 gondolas & 40 B/C at R-6240. M/Y S of Karlsruhe almost empty. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0818-0850 & 1150-1300. WEATHER: CAVU above 1000'
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Route # 1. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 8.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 459 TR/2/16/2

A. 2 F6-C's from 1125-1330. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 12 barrage balloons, approx 3000' over bdg at Germersheim, bdg appears serv. M/Y at Germersheim 1/3 full, NMS. 1 M/T mvg E out of Zweibrucken. 1 M/T mvg W at Q-7872. 1 M/ T mvg SE at Q-9533. RR bdg at Rastatt appears unserv. No rail movement observed in area. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1145-1310. WEATHER: W Rhine Valley 9-10/10 from deck to 700', E of Rhine from Strasbourg N ceiling unlimited, vis 1-5 miles in haze.
B. 2 F6-C's. (ii) attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 460 TR/17/16/7

A. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C from 1120-1320. To recce in area "F". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Boblingen 100 plus B/C, NMS. 1 M/T mvg S out of Herrenburg R-8300. No obs Strasbourg to Freudenstadt, weather. NMS Freudenstadt-Boblingen. No obs Boblingen-Pfor zheim, weather. NMS Pforzheim. NMS Pforzheim-Calw. 50 B/C on siding just E of Calw, NMS. 50 B/C Herrenburg M/Y, NMS. 6 B/C on siding at Nagold W-7495, NMS. 6 barrage balloons 5-700 ' above dam at R-4307. 1 M/T mvg N out of Gernsbach. 1 M/T mvg NW at R-4323. M/Y S edge of Karlsruhe almost empty, NMS., column of smoke rising from factory adjacent to M/Y. 25 gondolas & 50 B/C in M/Y at Buhl. 75 mixed gondolas & B/C at Achern R-2504. Concrete runway approx 1000' long and 15-20' wide in valley at W-278997. 1 M/T mvg N at W-290995. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical of M/Y at Calw R-7413 from 8000' on course 270° at 1210 hrs(T/G of opportunity) Vertical of concrete ramp at W-278997 from 5500' on 40° course at 1245 hrs. (T/G of opportunity) RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1150-1250. WEATHER: Ground haze, 5/10 coverage deck to 2000'.
B. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C. (ii) 2 attacking area "F". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 461 TR/3/16/3

A. 1 F6-D & 1 F6- C from 1520-1720. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: No RR activity in entire area. 1 M/T mvg N at Q-9761. 1 M/T mvg S at Q-9554. Unsuccessful search for RR gun made between Hagenau and Wissenburg. 25 box cars and gondolas on RR at R -2956. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-L at R-1767; S-A-L at Q-9339. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1705. WEATHER: CEILING UNLIMITED, Haze in mountains.
B. 1F6-D & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 462 TR/9/16/5

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1525-1725. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/y Homburg 1/3 full, appears unserv. NMS from Homburg to Kaiserslautern on RR. NMS on Autobahn from Q-7989 to M-3207. 1 loco 3 boxcars heading W towards Kaiserslautern at R-1294, called to controller. 10 boxcars and 10 gondolas cars on siding at Q-9480. M/Y S of Kaiserslautern 1/3 full, NMS. 2 M/T mvg N at L-9205. 1 M/T mvg N at L-9114. 1 train 20 boxcars and 3 flat cars (covered with tarpawlin) mvg N at M-0522, could'nt contact controller. NMS on RR from L-9737 to Homburg. 1 M/T mvg S at L-7503. 1 M/T fac N STAT, at L-9009. M/Y at Ottweiler 1/2 full, NMS. Smoke coming from factory chimney N side of Ottweiler. M/Y at St. Wendell 1/2 full NMS. M/Y Pirmasens 1/3 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H at Kaiserslautern; M-I-L at Q-6779. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONATACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1540-1700. WEATHER: 7/10 from deck to 1000' N of Bad Krueznach.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 463 TR/23/16/3 & PR/128

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1625-1825. To recce in route # 1. OBSERVATIONS: Karlsruhe M/Y 1/4 full, 2 locos S/U in yard. Pforzheim M/Y 1/4 full, no activity. 1 train, 30 cars, STAT, facing W at R-8441. F/B's hit train with 3 hits, cars were exploding and burning. 1 train, 15 box cars, 15 gondolas, STAT, facing W at R 9441. 100 cars M/Y at S-0454, no activity. Heilbronn M/Y 1/4 full, 1 loco S/U in yard. 1 train 15 boxcars, mvg S at S-0864. 1 trian, 10 boxcars, mvg N at S-0866. M/Y at R-9196 1/3 full, 1 loco S/U in yard. 15 barges, 60 ft. long each, STAT.R-8596. 30 barges 60 ft long each,STAT,R-8091 to R-8290. RR and Hwy bridge at R-4248 appears serv. 2 pontoons on E bank, 2 pontoon yards S of 1st two at R-4352. NMS. from Bruchsal to Heidelberg. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at R-9741; S-I-H at R-9741. PHOTOS: Vertical of dump at R-6888 6700' 10° at 1750. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1800. WEATHER: Ceiling un limited, vis 3 miles down sun.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking route # 1. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 464 TR/19/16/9

A. 1 F6-B & 1F6-C from 1620-1820. To recce in area "F". OBSERVATIONS: Karlsruhe M/Y 1/4 full, 1 loco S/U. 1 M/T mvg W at R-5345. 1 M/T mvg NW at R-6237. 1 M/T mvg E at R-7136. A/F at R-8621, 1 a/c, type unknown, A/F appears serv. A/R at R-9010 appears unserv. 2 locos S/U in M/Y at R-9410, yard 1/3 full. 1 train, number of cars unknown, mvg N at R-9613, called to controller. Large military camp at R-9609 appears undamaged. 1 loco, STAT, S/U, in M/Y at R-8500. A/F at W-8688 appears serv., no activity. 1 loco, S/U, M/Y at 8688, M/Y 1/3 full. 1 train, 3 cars mvg E at W6984, called to controller. 1 loco, S/U, in M/Y at W-7395. 1 M/T mvg N at W-7396. NMS from Pforzheim to W-9395. 1 train, 20 boxcars mvg N at R-6931, called to controller. 11 barrage balloons at 500 ft. at R-4607. 1 M/T mvg S at W-4790. 3 locos, S/U, M/Y at W-4985, called to controller. 50 plus oil cars at W-5285, called to controller. 1 train, number of cars unknown, mvg N at W-4985, called to controller.

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OPERATIONS NO. 464 TR/19/16/9

NMS from R-3423 to W-1794. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at W-4985. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1800. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis 3 mi. down sun.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "F". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 465 PR/2/16/240/41

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-B from 1640-1720. To recce in Saargemund Area. OBSERVATIONS: NIL. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique strip from Q-4857 to Q-5357 3000' 90° at 1700. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1655-1705. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis 4-5 miles with ground haze.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-B (II) 2 attacking Saargemund Area. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 1.20 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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A. 1 F-5E, from 1415A. to 1540A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5055 to Q-5075 to Q-8575 to Q-8555 -. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5055 to Q-5075 to Q-8575 to Q-8555., Barracks at Q-6964, Feul Dumps at Q-543738, Q-581745.. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1525A. WEATHER: Medium Haze. Mission successful. (James E. McCommon, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5055 to Q-5075 to Q-8575 to Q-8555. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi*) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil

D. 1 hr 25 minutes

E. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3413 - (29)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1350A to 1455A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5055 to Q-5075 to Q-8575 to Q-8555. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5055 to Q-5075 to Q-8575 to Q-8555. , Barracks at Q-6964, Block : Q-7045 to Q-7560 to R-1050 to R-0535, . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1410A to 1435A. WEATHER: CAVU in target area - heavy haze.,
Mission successful. (Lawton C. McGlothlin, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5055 to Q-5075 to Q-8575 to Q-8555. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 5 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3414 - (30)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1440A . To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-7045 to Q-7560 to R-1050 to R-0535, . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-7045 to Q-7560 to R-1050 to R-0535. - CP at - 835473 . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1330A. to 1420A WEATHER: CAVU in area, slight haze. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd , 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7045 to Q-7560 to R-1050 to R-0535. . (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 1 hr. 10 minutes G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3415 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1355A to 1555A . To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-9580, R-2471, R-1653, R-0556. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-9580, R-2471, R-1653, R-0556. Block : R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371., Supply Dumps at : Q-944758, Q-935762. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445A to 1515A. WEATHER: 3/10ths Stratus at 5,000 ft., - medium haze. - Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn - 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-9580, R-2471 , R-1653, R-0556. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3416 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1325A to 1525A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371., and M/Y at Bruchsal. - R-6157. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1445A. WEATHER: CAVU , moderate haze., Mission successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. 34/3417 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1455A to 1630A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371. Neustadt M/Y, Supply Dump at R-7088. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371. Neustadt M/Y, - R-3085. Supply Dump at R-7088.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1520A to 1600A.
WEATHER: hazy - CAVU.
Mission successful. (Willard O Davis , F/O)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3290 to R-7790 to R-6957 to R-2371, Neustadt M/Y, Supply Dump at R-7088. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 35 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3418 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1530A. To photo Target: RR/B at Steig, Singen Town Area, Constance Town Area, , Freidrichshafen Town-Area, Lindau Town Area, Ravensberg Town Area, Bregenz Town Area, OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed large fire at Pforzheim , North in woods. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: RR/B at Steig - W-251244, Singen Town Area - W-80, Constance Town Area - C-09, Freidrichshafen Town Area - C-29, Lindau Town Area - C-48, Ravensberg Town area - S-71 - Bregenz Town Area - C-58. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1430A. WEATHER: CAVU in target area - slight haze., Mission successful. (Robert G. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/B at Steig, Singen Town Area, Constance Town Area, Freidrichshafen Town Area, Lindau Town Area, Ravensberg Town Area, Bregenz Town Area, .
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
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C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3419 - (35)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1340A to 1545A. To photo Target: Area : X-1045 X-1545, X-1551. Mengen A/F, Schussenreid A/F, Kempten Town Area, Memmingen Town Area, Kaufenrhren Town Area, OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Area: X-1045, X-1545, X-1551, Mengen A/F, - X-214403, Schussenreid A/F - X-419373, Kempten Town Area - X-90, Memmingen Town Area - X-83, Kaufehren Town Area - Y-12, and Memmingen A/F, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1515A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze.
Mission successful. (Wallace C. Bosworth - Capt.,)
COver Pilot * Mission successful. (William J. Andres - F/O)

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: Area X-1045, X-1545, X-1551. Mengen A/F, Schssenreid A/F, Kempten Town Area, Memmingen Town Area, Kaufenrhren Town Area, . (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 322 for 24 hours ending sunset
16 February 1945

MISSION U. S. — 34/3420 - (36)

A. 1 F-5B, 1 F-5E, from 1305A to 1515A. To photo Target: Supply Dump at R-7088, Town of Kitzingen Area, Town of Rothensburg Area, Town of Ansbach Area, Town of Aalen Area, Town of Nordlingen Area, OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Supply Dump at R-7088, Town of Kitzingen Area - N-72, Town Rothensburg Area - S-88, Town of Ansbach Area - T-08, Town of Aalen Area - S-72, Town of Nordlingen Area - T-03, Kitzingen A/F, Crailsheim A/F, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345A to 1430A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze. Mission successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.) Cover Pilot - Mission successful. (Everrette E. Custis, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, F-5E, (ii) 2 attacking target: Supply Dump at R-7088m Town of Kitzingen Area, Town of Rothensburg Area, Town of Ansbach Area, Town of Aalen Area, Town of Nordlingen Area, (iii) nil (iv) Nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 322 for 24 hours ending sunset
16 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3421 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1335A to 1525A. To photo Target: Neustadt M/Y, Landau M/Y, Supply Dump at R-317475 , Tank Shop at R-429324, Bridge at R-278273 , RR/Strip - R-048300 to R-170468, Durlach Town Area - . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Neustadt M/Y - R-3085, Landau R-2865 - M/Y, Supply Dump at R-317475, Tank Shop at R-429324, Bridge, R-278273, RR/Strip - R-048300 to R-170468, Town of Durlach Area - R-54. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1430A. WEATHER: 2/10ths Clouds - hazy.
Mission successful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Neustadt M/Y, Landau M/Y, Supply Dump at R-317475, Tank Shop at R-429324, Bridge at R-278273, RR/Strip - R-048300 to R-170468, Durlach Town Area.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 50 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 322 for 24 hours ending sunset
16 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3422 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1530A. To photo Target: Motzingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, Lautingen M/Y, RR/Station and M/Y at Killer, Esslingen Town Area, Lundwigsburg Town Area, . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Motzingen A/F - W-766943, Dormettingen A/F - W-766615, Lautingen M/Y - W-905577, RR/Station and M/Y at Killer - W-983649, Esslingen Town Area - S-11, Lundwigsburg Town Area - S-03 RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1455A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze., Mission successful. (Garland A. York, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Motzingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, Lautingen M/Y, RR/Station and M/Y at Killer, Esslingen Town Area, Lundwigsburg Town Area,. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

Ref: 2/16/45 [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 550 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 16, February 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne during the period. First Intruder from 18:20 to 19:00. Returned to base with engine trouble before reaching target area. Second Intruder from 18:45 to 20:00. Worked in area East of the Rhine between Strasbourg and Ottenheim. Nothing observed because of ground haze. Sighted large fire in vicinity of R-3176. Third Intruder Mission from 20:40 to 23:05. Worked in Wissembourg area. Sighted 2 M/Ts just South of Wissembourg. . Straffed and damaged one M/T. Turned South along the East side of the Rhine without sighting anything. Was given three areas near Surbourg to investigate in search of railway gun but could not sight anything. Fourth Intruder from 22:25 to 01:20. Worked in Wissembourg - Landau area. Looked for railway gun for 45 minutes but could see nothing. Destroyed 1 M/T at R-1440 at 23:10 hrs. Straffed 1 M/T at R-1751 but no results observed. Straffed two additional single M/Ts during period but no results observed.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Four

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 7:35

E. (i) 4000 x 20MM
24000 x .303
(ii) 340 x 20MM
800 x .303
(iii) None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. 1 M/T Destroyed
1 M/T Damaged.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

18 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 215 for the period ending Sunset 16 February 1945.

4. Operation No: A.O. 17 and 19. Armed Reconnaissance Missions.

A. A.O.17 12 P-47s of 367th Sqdn dispatched at 1055 hours to perform A/R of Area #3. A/C carried 28 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# Incendiary cluster bombs. Followed route of base to Rastatt to Karlsruhe to Heidelberg to Germersheim to base, cloud cover having prevented following briefed route. Time in target areas: 1200 - 1220 hours. 16 x 500# GP bombs were dropped on loco and 10 passenger cars moving N ar R-712909 -- direct hit destroyed loco and 10 cars were damaged by strafing, 1 rail cut. 12 x 500# GP bombs were dropped on Rr bridge at R-777888 near misses on N bank and Rr cut at S approach. 4 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# incendiary bombs were dropped on 50 freight cars in Schwetzingen M/Y, R-612875 -- 8 bombs fell in the yard, claim 1 M/Y damaged and 4 misses destroyed 2 buildings. Strafing attacks and claims: 2 M/T moving N, at 1200 hours destroyed on road at R-773865; 1 M/T, moving N, damaged at R-769885; 1 loco, moving S at 1220 hours, damaged at R-590818; no claim for strafing of stacks of supplies at R-580827. Observations along route: 12 Barrage Balloons at Germersheim at 4,000 ft; 70 box cars at R-762870; loco and 8 box cars moving S at R-600837 at 1220 hours; 10 to 15 M/Ts moving N and S between Heidelberg and Leimen (R-7084) at 1200 hours- at time this observation was made, sqdn was attacking a train andwhen that attack had been completed, cloud cover then prevented an attack upon the M/T. Flak: intense, light at Hagenau woods. Losses: nil. A/A: nil. Weather: CAVU with a heavy ground fog. Down at base: 1320 hours.

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A.O.19 7 P-47s of the 358th Fighter Group (4 a/c from 365th and 3 a/c from the 366th Squadrons) dispatched at 1145 to conduct A/A of Area 7. 15 x 500# GPs and 6 x 460# Incendiaries. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Pforzheim to Bietigheim to Heilbronn to base. Time over target areas: 1210-1310. Received a Pineapple target from Goslin Red of the M/Y at S-0341. 14 GPs and 6 incendiaries dropped on the M/Y -- 1 rail cut, 2 box cars destroyed, 4 box cars damaged, 3 locos damaged, and 1 M/Y damaged. 1 GP was dropped on Sachsenheim A/D -- NRO. The following observations were made en route: no a/c were visible on Sachsenheim A/D and it was noted that the bomb craters made on the airfield by Gatepost bombing on the previous day had not been filled in; 20 M/V were seen on the road between Heilbronn and Ludwigsberg, singly, and going in both directions; 4 locos with steam up and 50-60 cars in Ludwigsberg M/Y. Flak: intense light at S-0341; intense light and heavy at R-9740. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 1, flak. E/A seen: 1 unknown a/c, probably jet, seen over base above 20,000 ft. Weather: haze to 3,000 ft with low broken cloud and visibility 10 miles. Down 1345.

B. (i) 19 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco and 10 passenger cars moving W at R-712909.
Rail bridge at R-777888.
50 freight cars in Schwetzingen M/Y, R-612075.
7 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y, at S-0341.
Sachsenheim A/D.
19 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak: category 1.
(viii) 19.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 44:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 45,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 23,985 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 43 - 500# GP bombs, fused nose, M47; tail M113.
14 - 460# Incendiaries, fused nose, M104 and tail M101A2.
(ii) 43 - 500# GPs and 14 - 460# incendiaries expended as follow:-

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6 GPs on loco and 10 passenger cars moving W at R-712909.
18 GPs on RR bridge at R-777888.
4 GPs and 8 Incendiaries on 50 freight cars in Schwetzingen M/Y.
14 GPs and 6 Incendiaries on M/Y at S-0341
1 GP on Sachsenheim A/D.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 14

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 2

11. Railroads cut, 1

14. M/Y attacked, 1

4. (2) Operations No. A.O 15 and 16. To perform close cooperation and armed recce.

A. A.O.15 10 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 1149 to go on close cooperation and an A/R. 21 x 500# GPs and 6 x 460# Incendiaries were carried. Route flown was base to Hagenau to Karlsruhe to Mannheim to Zweibrucken to base. Time over target areas was 1215-1315. Squadron contacted "Halfbake" and he told the squadron to go on recce. 3 GPs dropped on 1 loco and 1 car headed at R-5881 -- misses, but three traf-ing passes damaged the loco and the car. 7 GPs dropped at R-5983 on 1 loco and 4 cars headed S with 3 near misses and 4 misses -- 1 loco damaged. 2 GPs on M/Y at Schifferstadt at R-4688 which contained 20 to 30 cars, but no locos -- 5 box cars destroyed. 9 GPs and 6 Incendiaries dropped in M/Y at R-5990 which contained from 500 to 700 cars -- M/Y damaged, 5 cars destroyed, and 100 cars damaged. 1 staff car strafed and destroyed at R-6086. The following observations were made: no a/c visible on Kirrlach A/D; 1,000 plus cars in

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M/T at Hermheim, 200 plus coal cars at R-5693. Flak: moderate light at R05990; weak heavy at R-2828. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 4/10 at 4,000 ft over target with visibility 10 miles. Down 1350 hours.

A.O.16 15 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1515 hours to perform cooperation (close) and armed recce. 12 A/C each carried 3 x 500# GP bombs; 1 A/C carried 2 x 500# GP bombs; and 1 A/C carried 1 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Laverne to Baden Baden, to Pforzheim to base. Time on target areas: 1545 to 1700 hours. Baggage told sqdn to contact P-51 at Pforzheim to attack train. 5 bombs dropped on RR tracks at R-6326 -- 1 rail cut. 3 bombs dropped on M/T at R-7845, where 100 cars and 1 loco no steam, were seen -- 2 cars and 1 M/T damaged, 6 bombs at R-8541 dropped on train, composed of 1 loco, 25 box cars, and 15 flat cars, with 30 trucks and half tracks on the flat cars. There were 4 direct hits and train was also strafed -- 5 M/T destroyed, 2 cars destroyed, 1 rail cut, 15 M/T damaged, 1 loco damaged, 35 cars damaged. 4 fires were left burning in this area. 10 bombs dropped on M/T at R-7335, where 30 cars, no locos, where observed. 5 bombs hit in the yard -- 2 cars destroyed, 1 M/T damaged. 1 bomb dropped on a loco and 5 coaches headed S at R-7445 -- 1 rail cut. Then strafed and damaged the loco and five coaches. 14 bombs dropped on the M/T at R-7536, where 8 flat cars with half-tracks and 7 box-cars were observed. 10 bombs fell in the yard and there were 4 direct hits on cars -- 5 cars and 5 half-tracks destroyed, 1 M/T damaged. 4 M/T and 10 cars were damaged by strafing in this yard. Attacks and claims from strafing: 1 M/T, headed N., damaged at R-5523; 1 M/T, with 2 trailers, headed S, destroyed at R-7237. 10 barrage balloons observed at 1200 ft at R-4420. Flak: weak, heavy at R-2938 and R-2015; intense, light and moderate, heavy at R-8140. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: No cloud, haze to 7,000 ft, visibility 1 mile in haze, unlimited out of the haze. Down at base: 1730 hours.

B. (i) 25 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
3 GPs on 1 loco and 1 car headed S at R-5881, and 3 strafing passes on loco and cars.
7 GPs dropped on R-5983, on loco and 4 cars headed S.
2 GPs on M/T at Schiffelstadt at R-4688, which contained 20 to 30 cars.
9 GPs and 6 Incendiaries in M/T at R-5990, which contained 500 to 700 cars.
Strafed 1 staff car and destroyed same at R-6086.
15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
5 GPs on RR tracks at R-6326.
3 GPs on M/T at R-7845.
6 GPs on train at R-8541.
10 GPs on M/T at R-7335, 30 cars,
1 GP on a loco and 5 coaches headed S at R-7445.
14 GPs on M/T at R-7536.
Strafed 4 M/T and 10 cars in yard.
1 M/T headed N., at R-5523.
1 M/T with 2 trailers, headed S. at R-7237.
25 A/C completed missions.

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C. (i) 4 - 75 Gallon belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) 1 - 75 Gallon belly tank dispatched, was jettisoned.

D. (i) 60:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 60,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 5,040 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 60 - 500# GP bombs, fused tail, M113.
6 - 460# Incendiaries, fused, nose M103; tail M101A1.
(ii) 60 - 500# GPs and 6 - 460# Incendiaries expended as follows:-
3 GPs on 1 loco and 1 car headed S at R-5981.
7 GPs at R-5983, on 1 loco and 4 cars headed S.
2 GPs on M/Y at Schifferstadt at R-4688.
9 GPs and 6 Incendiaries in M/Y at R-5990
5 GPs on RR tracks at R-6326.
3 GPs on M/Y at R-7845.
6 GPs on train, at R-8541.
10 GPs on M/Y at R-7335.
1 GP on loco and 5 coaches headed S at R-7445.
14 GPs on M/Y at R-7536, 8 flat cars with half-tracks.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 9
c) Damaged, 20

3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 4

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 20
c) Damaged, 153

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 2

11. Railroads cut, 4

14. M/Y, attacks,
c) Damaged, 4

4. (3) Operations No.A.O. 18 and 20. To bomb and perform armed recce mission.

A. A.O.18 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1120 hours to bomb and perform armed recce mission. A/C carried 28 x x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# Incendiary bombs. A/C carried

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no belly tanks. Recce of Area No.7 was completed. Time in target areas: 1155-1305 hours. 11 x 500# GP bombs dropped on 1 loco and 10 box cars at S-024522 -- no claims. However, 1 loco destroyed and 5 cars damaged by strafing. 13 x 500# GP bombs dropped on superhighway bridge over Rd at R-696348. 3 hits on the road resulted in a road block. 2 direct hits went thru bridge, leaving 2 holes, and cutting rail line below. -- 1 bridge damaged and 1 rail cut. 2 x 460# incendiaries and 1 - 500# GP bomb on Karlsruhe -- MO. 4 incendiaries and 2 GPs dropped on M/Y at R-590435, where 15 box cars were observed in the yard. 5 bombs landed in the yard, 1 miss -- 1 M/Y damaged. 2 x 460# incendiary bombs and 1 - 500# GPbomb jettisoned at R-6044 by a plane which had developed engine trouble. Observations along route: no activity at A/D at R-585725; rail, reported cut yesterday at R-922948, appeared repaired; rail, reported cut yesterday at S-024522, repaired; 1 loco in Heilbronn M/Y; 1 loco and 15 box cars, facing E, at S-000408. Flak: moderate, light at S-0350. Losses: Nil. E/A: nil, Weather: haze up to 3,000 ft, low scud at 1000 ft, visibility good. Down at base: 1345 hours.

A.O.20 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1440 to bomb and conduct an A/R. 24 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# Incendiaries were carried. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Heidleberg to Oberbach to Bad Wimpen to base. Time in target areas: 1515-1625. Strafed and dropped 11 GPs and claims as follows;(at R-948917); on 10 passenger cars, 11 box cars, and 6 oil cars with 3 hits on rails 6 hits on box cars, and 2 misses -- 1 rail cut, 4 box cars destroyed, 11 box cars damaged, 6 oil cars damaged, and 10 passenger cars dmaged. 6 GPs dropped on a train of 1 loco and 4 box cars headed W and 20 box cars standing in M/Y at S-020845 with 5 hits in M/Y and 1 hit on buildings --also strafed, and claims from bombing and strafing: M/Y damaged, 2 cars and 2 buildings destroyed, and 1 loo and 22 cars damaged. 1 M/T was strafed and damaged at this same point. Strafed and dropped 6 GPs and 4 Incendiaries on M/Y at R-999843 containing a train of 1 loco and 15 cars headed south and 75 box cars in the yard with hits in yard by 5 GPs and 4 incendiaries and 1 hit, 1 loco damaged, 1 hit on a building which caused 3 explosions and the building to burn -- M/Y damaged, 2 box cars and 2 buildings destroyed, and 35 box cars damaged. Strafed and dropped 4 Incendiaries on train consisting of loco, 8 passenger cars and 2 flak cars facing SE, and 1 oil car at R-923918 with 3 misses and 1 bomb hung up to later fall off -- no damage from the bombs but the strafing damaged the loco and 8 passenger cars, destroyed 1 oil car (seen burning) and the 2 flak cars were silenced. 6 barges at R-920936 were strafed and damaged, and a power plant in the same vicinity was damaged and left smoking. 1 GP hung up and was jettisoned at R-7080. The following observations were made en route: 6 barges on W bank at R-4659; 15 MB over

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over Germesheim at 2,000 ft; 1 loco headed N at R-946998; 1 loco headed S at Schwetzingen; 4 A/T headed N at S-0285. Flak: scant light at R-9283, moderate light at R-9984. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 1, flak. No e/a seen. Weather: haze to 6,000 ft with no clouds. Down 1720.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco and 10 box cars at S-024522, and strafed same.
On superhighway bridge over RR at R-696348.
On Karlsruhe.
L/Y at R-590435.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
10 passenger cars, 10 box cars, and 6 oil cars at R-948917, also strafed same.
Train of 1 loco and 4 box cars headed W and 20 box cars standing in L/Y at S-020845.
L/Y at R-999843, also strafed same.
Train, loco and 8 passenger cars, and 2 flak cars, and 1 oil car at R-923918.
24 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged, by flak, category 1.
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 66:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds, (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 3,975 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 52 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail M113.
16 - 460# Incendiaries, fused nose, M127 or M138.
(ii) 50 - 500# GPs and 14 - 460# Incendiaries expended as follows:-
11 GPs on loco and 10 box cars at S-024522.
13 GPs on superhighway bridge over RR at R-696348.
1 GP and 2 - Incendiaries on Karlsruhe.
2 GPs and 4 - Incendiaries on L/Y at R-590435.
11 GPs on 10 passenger cars, 10 box cars, and 6 oil cars at R-948917.
6 GPs on a train of loco and 4 box cars headed W and 20 box cars staning in L/Y at S-020845.
6 GPs and 4 - Incendiaries on L/Y at R-999843.
4 Incendiaries on train, loco and 8 passenger cars, and 2 flak cars facing SE, and 1 oil car at R-923918.

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(iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb jettisoned at R-6044,
1 - 500# GP bomb jettisoned at R-7080.
2 - 460# Incendiaries jettisoned at R-6044.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

G. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 9
c) Damaged, 99

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 4

11. Railroads cut, 2

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 3

12. Barges,
c) Damaged, 6

17. Other claims,
Power plant, damaged, 1
Road block, destroyed.

4. (4) Operations No.: A.O. 80. To bomb town of Bitschoffen at S-914286.

A. A.O. 80 16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1424 hours to bomb town of Bitschoffen at S-914286. Each A/C carried 2 x 325# depth bombs. Time over target area: 1515-1525 hrs. Followed route of base to S-914286 to R-088362 to base. Squadron was vectored to town of Bitschoffen by Half-Bake King. Target was marked with white smoke and red smoke. Sqdn dropped 31 bombs on target and had excellent results, allsectors of the town being thoroughly plastered and numerous fires being started. After leaving target, Sqdn was complimented by Half-Bake on results. Sqdn then recced the railway gun point thoroughly but there was no sign of any gun, however it was observed that a temporary railway bridge was being used at

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Q-070336. 1 bomb was returned to base, failed to release. Attacks and claims from strafing: 1 light tank, moving N, damaged at Q-945370; 1 HDV, facing S, destroyed at Q-985350; 1 large M/T, moving S, destroyed at Q-960435; 1 M/T, moving S, destroyed at Q-965445; 1 M/T destroyed and 1 M/T damaged at Q-947362, moving S. 1 M/T, facing S, and 1 building, both damaged at Q-968335; no claims made for strafing of approximately 18 M/T's and tanks, facing S, along edge of a wooded area. Flak: scant, heavy at Q-070351 and scant, light at Q-9538. E/a: nil. Losses: nil. Weather: CAVU with slight haze. Down at base: 1625 hours.

B. (i) 16 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C dropped bombs on target, town of Bitschoffen at Q-914286.
16 A/C strafed the following:-
1 light tank, moving N, at Q-945370.
1 HDV, facing S, at Q-985350.
1 large M/T, moving S, at Q-960435.
1 M/T, moving S, at Q-965445.
1 M/T at Q-947362.
1 M/T, facing S, and 1 bldg, at Q-936252.
1 M/T facing S, at Q-960390.
1 tank moving N, at Q-968335.
18 M/Ts and tanks, facing S, along edge of wooded area.
16 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 16

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 32:05
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 12,455 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32 - 325# Depth bombs, fused MK 18, nose; tail Auxiliary Booster.
(ii) 31 - 325# Depth bombs expended, on town of Bitschoffen at Q-914286.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
1 - 325# Depth bomb returned to base, failed to release.

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 1. Military transportation,
a/ Destroyed, 5
c/ Damaged, 1

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
c/ Damaged, 2

9. Factories and buildings,
c/ Damaged, 1

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a/ Destroyed, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 16 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____

2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - WEATHER ENROUTE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines :

No. & Type	Reason

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 10 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure; Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature

W. L. ROBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
18 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 282.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 282 for 24 hours ending sunset 17 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereb submitted.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
17 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 17 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

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JACK H KUNZIE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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19 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 17 February 1945.

2. Oprep No. 216.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 17 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____
2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 17 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Mission cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____ (Date)

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. ROBIN, JR.,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO: Hq., NINTH AIR FORCE, (Attn: 26th SOU)

Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 124 for 24 hrs ending sunset 17 February, 1945. SECRET

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

17 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 155 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 17 February 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE.

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 323 for 24 hours ending sunset
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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION: 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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FORM 34A.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

Ref: 2/17/45 [redacted] S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 551 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 17 February 1945.

A. Two Beaufighters airborne during the period. First Intruder Mission from 18:30 to 19:45. Worked in Freiburg area. Returned to base with engine trouble. Nothing to report. Second Intruder Mission from 19:20 to 20:30. Worked in Karlsruhe - Neustadt area. Returned to base because of poor visibility and R/T trouble. Nothing to report.

B. (i) Two Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) None
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Two

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 2:45

E. (i) 2000 x 20MM
12000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
19 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 283.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 283 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY D. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
18 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 18 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

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Mission No. 2719 to 2727 Incl.

9 Horsefly missions of the 315th Fighter Squadron acting as Airborne Controller directing air strikes for 7th Army. Missions flown in L-5 aircraft which was used as Aerial O.P. and which directed Dive Bombers to target. Missions flown in period 1 Jan 1945 to 17 Jan 1945.

Mission No. 2728 to 2730 Incl.

3 Horsefly missions of the 315th Fighter Squadron acting as Airborne Controller directing Air Strikes for 7th Army. Missions flown in L-5 aircraft which was used as Aerial O.P. and which directed Dive Bombers to target. Missions flown in period 12 Dec 1944 to 14 Dec. 1944.

Mission No. 2731 to 2738 Incl.

8 Horsefly missions of the 315th Fighter Squadron acting as Airborne Controller directing air strikes for 64th Wing. Missions flown in L-5 aircraft which was used as Aerial O.P. and which directed Dive Bombers to target. Missions flown in period 18 Dec. 1944 to 26 Dec. 1944.

Mission No. 2739 to 2777 Incl.

39 Horsefly missions of the 316th Fighter Squadron acting as Airborne Controller directing air strikes for 7th Army. Missions flown in L-5 aircraft which was used as Aerial O.P. and which directed Dive Bombers to target. Missions flown in period 20 Dec. 1944 to Jan 10, 1945.

Mission No. 2778 to 2803 Incl.

26 Horsefly missions of the 316th Fighter Squadron acting as Airborne Controller directing air strikes for 7th Army. Missions flown in L-5 aircraft which was used as Aerial O.P. and which directed Dive Bombers to target. Missions flown in period 10 Jan. 1945 to 2 Feb. 1945.

Mission 2804

1 P-47 of the 314th Fighter Squadron on weather recce up at 0915 down at 1015. Went to Saverne - N 10 miles and W back to base - W of base and S for 20 miles and then returned to base. 10/10ths 5000' - 8000' all the way. S of base some holes, but in target area necessary to climb through 2 overcasts. Believe weather moving in from the West. No sortie. No bombs exp:

Note 4 B (i) 86
(ii) 85
(iii)a. 1
(viii) 85

Note 5 D (i) 146:00

Note 6 E (i) 2,000

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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APO 374 U.S. Army

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19 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 18 February 1945.

2. Oprep No. 217.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH A. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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APO 374 U.S. Army

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SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

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2. Oprep No. 217.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 18 FEB. 1945 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - WEATHER ENROUTE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM -- Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 18 Feb. 1945 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission: *b.* Escorted by:

3. Weather: Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target: (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

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7. Explosives:

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Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8	Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.	Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.	No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Corbin, Jr.
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W. L. ROBBIN, JR.
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force, (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Opren 'A' No 125 for 24 hrs ending sunset 18 February, 1945. SECRET.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations, Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

18 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 156 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 18 February 1945.

NO MISSION FLOWN THIS DATE.

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No. 324 for 24 hours ending sunset 18 February 1945

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Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/18/45 S E C [redacted]

OPREP A No. 552 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 18 February 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to bad weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Ruggeberger
HAROLD F. RUGGEBERGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY,
17 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 281.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 281 for 24 hours ending sunset 16 February 1945.
Operations Order No. A0-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0819 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Popp leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. and 2 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on 20 box cars parked in a gorge at W-2369, 1 railcut was scored, 1 landside started, many forest fires by M-17 bombs, and 20 box cars strafed and damaged. 12 x 500 lb. and 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on a 12 car train headed SE at W-1845, 4 cars were destroyed, 6 cars damaged, 1 locomotive damaged and 2 buildings damaged. Meager, light, inaccurate flak encountered at W-2369 and W-1845. Time down at A-96, 1016 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off one Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1117 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Hutchingon leading. 10 P47D's took off and completed mission. 14 x 500 lb. and 6 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on two tanks at Q-652571. Strafing passes were made and both tanks were damaged. Inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Q-652171. Time down at A-96, 1300 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1400 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Muttenberger leading. 10 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. and 6 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs at Q-346724. Target was marked by red smoke, all bombs fell in target area. Forest fires resulted, 20 buildings were destroyed, 20 buildings were damaged. Meant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Q-346724. Time down, 1527 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1056 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. G.P. and 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on 10 tanks at Q-6572. No direct hits were scored, but 2 near misses destroyed 3 tanks. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed at Q-680567. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1231 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1104 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Hamilton leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. 18 x 500 lb. and 6 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped and 14 x 4.5 rockets were fired on a target at Q-3572. 10 buildings were destroyed, 20 buildings were damaged, 2 gun positions damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-3572. Time down at A-96, 1246 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1345 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Western leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs at Q-8[illegible]2588, 1 tank was destroyed, 1 tank damaged. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. and 6 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on McDalsheim, 10 M/A's and 1 buildingswere destroyed. Moderate, accurate, heavy and light flak encountered at McDalsheim. Time down at A-96, 1545 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off ona Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1416 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Davides leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. and fired 1 5 x 4.5 rockets on a M/Y at Pforzheim, M/Y was damaged, 4 box cars destroyed, 1 large fire resulted. 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on a train headed E at Pforzheim damaging 7 box cars. At R-775375, 20 M/T's were damaged. 3 box cars were destroyed and 4 damaged by rockets at R-680324. 2 M/T's destroyed, 2 HD vehicles destroyed at R-795395 by strafing. 8 HD vehicles strafed and damaged at R-8748. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-7737, R-7153. Time down at A-96, 1616 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1644 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 11 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 21 x 500 lb. , 11 x 260 lb. frag. bombs on enemy positions at Q-410655. All bombs fell in target area, 22 strafing passes were made and ground controller reported good results. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was dropped a short distance off the target. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-410655. Time down at A-96, 1804 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1719 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Knoll leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at Q-6571 with unobserved results. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1820 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1632 hours, 16 February 1945, Lt. Ropp leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. and 8 x 260 lb. frag bombs on enemy positions at Q-410655, 24 strafing passes were made. Ground controller reported good results. Moderate, inaccurate, light Flak encountered at Q-410655. Time down at A-96, 1755 hours.

B. 1. 126 x P47D.
2. 126 completed mission.
3. None.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT III Flak.
8. 126 sorties.

C. 1. 30 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 27 jettisoned.

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D. 1. 187:00 x P/79.
2. None.

E. 1. 239,400 x .50 cal.
2. 52,419.
3. None.

F. 1. 160 x 500 lb. RDX Inst.
46 x 460 lb. M-17 incendiary clusters.
19 x 260 lb. Frag.
66 x 4.5 Rockets.
2. 160 x 500lb.
46 x 460lb.
19 x 260 lb.
54 x 4.5 rockets
3. None.
4. 12 rockets returned to base.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

1 railcut
1 control house damaged
11 Ru cars destroyed
37 Ru cars damaged
1 locomotive damaged
34 buildings destroyed
40 buildings damaged
1 tank destroyed, 6 damaged
3 MT's destroyed, 30 damaged
2 gun emplacements damged.
2 MD vehicles destroyed, 8 damaged
1 MV damaged.

For the Group Commander:

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[redacted] A.C.,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
16 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 16 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2706

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0930 down at 1115, target, train at R-6884. T.O.T. 1015, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits on train, 15 boxcars destroyed & 10 damaged, 2 misses. 4 A/C bombed train at R-878788. T.O.T. 1035, bomb run to 2500', 2 hits on loco, destroyed it, 4 hits on cars destroying 4 coal cars & damaging 6, 2 misses. Strafed train at R-676675, loco damaged, strafed train at R-580784, loco exploded, destroyed, 2 bombs dropped here, 6 boxcars damaged. Lt. Slack hit by flak at R-5972 & bellied in at R-549751 at approx. 1045, bellied in O.K. & was seen to clear the ship & wave to flight. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. Moderate accurate LAA at R-5972. Weather 10/10ths, base 4000' from Zweibrucken to Rhine, 8/10ths base 4000' in Rhine Valley CAVU Mannheim. 1 Pilot M.I.A. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 2 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2707

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0945 down at 1200, recced route #2. Target, train at M-430215. T.O.T. 1030, bomb run to 1500', 8 hits S. of target, no damage. Flight strafed & fired 18 rockets, damaging loco & 1 boxcar. 4 A/C bombed train at M-338152. T.O.T. 1035, bomb run to 2500', 4 hits on rails in M/Y, 1 hit on boxcars, destroyed 1 & damaged 2, 6 hits outside target area, strafed target & damaged 4 boxcars & 1 building. Strafed train at M-062102, loco damaged & 1 car damaged. Scant inaccurate HAA at Ludwigshaven, moderate LAA between Mannheim & Worms. Weather, ground haze in this area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos. 18 rockets.

Mission 2708

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0955 down at 1155, target, boxcars at R-539459 & loco at R-535453. T.O.T. 1020, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits on boxcars, destroying 3 damaging 2 & cut rails at R-538458, 2 hits on rails at R-543456, 2 rail cuts, 2 near misses on loco, loco damaged. 5 A/C bombed Karlsruhe M/Y. T.O.T. 1025, bomb run to 1500', 10 hits W. end of M/Y, 1 warehouse destroyed, 10 boxcars destroyed. 4 A/C bombed train at W-8796. T.O.T. 1115, bomb run to 1500', 4 hits on train, 6 tank cars destroyed, 2 near misses, 3 tank cars damaged & 2 misses. Flight strafed train, damaged loco & 6 cars, strafed train at W-867800 damaged loco & 10 passenger cars. Strafed train at W-720685, 4 boxcars damaged. Scant LAA at W-863799 & W-863960. Weather, ground haze up to 1000' from base to target. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2709

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1005 down at 1205, recced route #3, target, 2 trains at Q-682815. T.O.T. 1030, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on loco, destroyed it, 3 hits on cars, 4 boxcars destroyed, 2 hits cut rails, strafed train & damaged other loco & 4 boxcars. 4 A/C bombed Homburg M/Y. T.O T. 1040, bomb run to 2000', 4 Incd on train, 2 hits on storage shed, shed exploded. 1 building destroyed, 2 bombs did not explode. Strafed & dropped 2 bombs on train at R-5696, loco damaged. Strafed train at R-6094, damaged loco & 2 cars, strafed warehouse & loading platform at R-605925, strafed 5 sections of Pontoons at R-553848, strafed boxcars at R-578772, 2 cars damaged. Mod. LAA & scant HAA at Mannheim, scant LAA at Homburg. Weather 10/10ths base 4000', Zweibrucken to Rhine.
Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd. 3 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2710

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1210 down at 1350. Recced route #3, target, train at M-0135. T.O.T. 1240, bomb run to 1000', 2 misses, 8 hits on train, loco & 5 boxcars destroyed. 4 A/C bombed train at Q-656832. T.O.T. 1255, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on cars, 4 boxcars destroyed, 6 misses, 2 hits in town N. of target causing fire, 5 buildings damaged. Moderate HAA at Q-656832. Weather CAVU, target area; E. of Rhine 10/10ths top 3000'. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2711

14 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1255 down at 1425, target, train at Q-646830. T.O.T. 1320, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits on rails cut rails & damaged loco, 4 hits in M/Y at Q-652833, explosion among boxcars, smoke to 1000', 4 hits N. of train in town at Q-660833, destroyed 3 buildings, 2 W. of target. 8 A/C bombed train at Q-660833. T.O.T. 1330, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits in town N. of target, destroyed 8 buildings, 2 near misses, 3 boxcars damaged. 2 hits W. of target, 2 hits N. of target, 2 hits cut rails, 2 hits S. of tracks, 2 buildings destroyed, 2 unobserved. Strafed radio station at Q-655827, no results observed. Scant LAA at Q-652833. Weather, base to target haze to 2000', 9/10ths base 3000', Kaiserlautern west. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2712

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1305 down at 1525, recced route #3, target, boxcars in M/Y at R-2876. T.O.T. 1400, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits among cars, destroyed 6, 4 misses. 4 A/C bombed ammo factory & fuel dump at R-393551. T.O.T. 1425, bomb run to 3000', 2 hits in building S. end of target, 7 misses, strafed train at R-670738, loco & 10 boxcars damaged. 4 A/C strafed boxcars at R-675775, 3 boxcars damaged, 1 bomb dropped here missed. Scant LAA at R-2876. Weather CAVU.. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2713

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1320 down at 1530, target, M/Y at W-220710. T.O.T. 1415, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits SE of target, 4 hits in M/Y, S. of train. 4 hits on trains destroyed 5 flat cars & 10 trucks, 4 near misses along train, 1 hit on building damaging it. 6 hits in town, destroyed 2 buildings & damaged 1. 1 hit SE of train & 4 hits unobserved. Flight strafed train at W-542847, 3 bombs dropped here 1 did not explode, 1 in yds by train, 1 on cars destroyed 2 boxcars, strafing damaged loco. Moderate accurate LAA at W-220710, scant accurate HAA at W-512847, moderate LAA at W-510870. Weather, Vosges Mts. & Rhine Valley, 10/10ths top 5000'.
Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 460 lb Incd. 5 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2714

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1440 down at 1640, recced route #3, target, train at M-5411. T.O.T. 1515, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits on train, 4 boxcars destroyed & rail cut, 4 hits W. of train. 4 A/C bombed train at M-6707. T.O.T. 1525, bomb run same, 2 hits on train, 3 boxcars destroyed, 4 damaged. 2 hits on building W. of tracks. 1 building destroyed, 2 hits N. of town, 3 hits E. of town. Flight strafed & dropped 3 bombs in M/Y at R-7149, bombs no damage. Strafed train with MT, damaged loco & 3 MT. Scant HAA N. of Karlsruhe. Weather, 3/10ths base 4000' on recce route. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2715

14 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1525 down at 1740, recce route #2, target, train at Q-730716. T.O.T. 1555, bomb run to 1500', 4 misses. 3 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-823893. T.O.T. 1605, bomb run to 2000', 2 near misses on boxcars, 4 hits on cars, 7 cars destroyed. 3 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-753859, 2 near misses right of track, 4 hits on boxcars, 7 distroyed. 5 A/C bombed train at R-300787. T.O.T. 1650, bomb run, same, 4 misses to N. 4 hits on train, 2 cars exploded, 10 boxcars destroyed, 2 hits unobserved. Strafed roads at Q-8080, 3 MT destroyed, strafed train at R-395595, loco & 2 boxcars damaged. Moderate LAA at Q-7487, scant HAA S. of Neustadt, intenste LAA at R-300787. Weather, base to target hazy to 6000'. 2 A/C damaged, Flak Cat. #1. 2 bombs jettisoned accidently at Q-726701. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2716

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1605 down at 1805, recce route #3, target, train at M-438190. T.O.T. 1635, bomb run to 2000', 8 misses SE, 1 hit in buildingsW. of train, 3 buildings destroyed, 2 hits W. of train. 4 A/C bombed train at M-448162. T.O.T. 1640, bomb run same. 8 hits in M/Y, 4 hits in town at M-445162, 3 buildings & 5 boxcars destroyed. 3 A/C bombed train at M-426228, 2 hits center of train, 2 boxcars destroyed, 2 hits bracketed boxcars damaging 2, 1 hit in town at M-423230, damaged 1 building. 1 bomb in town at R-716358, 1 building damaged, strafed train & fired rockets at M-580466. 1 rocket on loco, loco damaged, 1 passenger car damaged by rocket. Scant inaccurate LAA at M-620340. Weather, heavy ground haze. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 5 x 100 lb Phos. 24 rockets.

Mission 2717

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1620 down at 1820, recced route #2, target Ammo train at R-8341. T.O.T. 1735, bomb run to 1500', 6 hits on cars, 6 boxcars destroyed & large fire started, 1 hit unobserved, 6 hits S. of train. 4 hits N. of train, 3 hits in town W. of target, no results observed. Intense inaccurate LAA at target, scant LAA & HAA at R-8110. Weather, 3/10ths base 4000', ground haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2718

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1720 down at 1840, target, tank caps at W-523859. T.O.T. 1815, bomb run to 1000', 18 hits around target, starting 2 fires & causing explosion, damage unobserved due to darkness. Intense LAA & scant inaccurate HAA at target. Weather, visibility poor due to haze & darkness. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSION 16 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	123
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	(iii)c.	1
	(vi)	1 Flak
	(vii)	3 Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	122
	C (i)	8 75 gal.
	(ii)	5 75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	235:40
Note 6 E	(i)	246,000
	(ii)	47,825
Note 7 F	(i)	212 x 500 lb GP 34 x 460 lb Incd. 39 x 100 lb Phos. 47 Rockets
	(ii)	208 x 500 lb GP 34 x 460 lb Incd. 36 x 100 lb Phos. 42 Rockets
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos & 5 Rockets to base.
Note 8 G		1 Pilot M.I.A.

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	13	3
Locos	5	13
RR cars	109	99
Buildings	25	9
RR cuts, complete	7	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
20 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 284.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 284 for 24 hours ending sunset 19 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 9, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1247 hours, 19 February 1945, Captain Merrick leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Escort Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1510 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1332 hours, 19 February 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 Lb bombs on the town of Fischingen, 8 buildings were destroyed, 5 buildings damaged. 6 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on the town of Eschingen, 4 buildings were destroyed, 4 buildings damaged and several fires started. 2 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on Enghein, 2 buildings were destroyed. 4 x 460, M-17 bombs and 4 x M.76 bombs were dropped on Owersheim, 6 buildings were destroyed and many small fires started. One oil truck strafed and destroyed at Q-531668. 2 M/T strafed and destroyed at Q-496652. 42 x 4.5 rockets were expended on this Mission. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-488630. Time down at A-96, 1526 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1636 hours, 19 February 1945, Captain Futch leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 Lb bombs on a M/Y at Q-971931, M/Y was damaged, 20 box cars destroyed, 15 box cars damaged. 4 x M.17 bombs, 4 x M.76 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Landsbrect, M/Y was damaged, 3 buildings destroyed and several large fires started. 1 tunnel damaged, 1 railcut scored at L-205695 by rockets. 1 tunnel badly damaged at L-182911 by rockets. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-971931. Time down at A-96 1905 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1645 hours, 19 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 14 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 Lb bombs, 8 x 500 M.76 bombs on Annweiler, L-1767, 4 buildings were destroyed, 3 buildings damaged, 2 road blocks, 1 railcut. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at L-1168. Time down at A-96 1833 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1613 hours, 19 February 1945, Lt. Hopp leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb bombs at L-4801, 2 road blocks were scored and 2 M/T destroyed. 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a road fork, point unidentified, 1 road block was scored. 8 x 460, M.17 bombs were dropped on an unidentified point, 1 M/T and 3 buildings were destroyed and town was on fire. Scant, inaccurate, light flak was encountered. Time down at A-96 1807 hours.

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A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1317 hours, 19 February 1945, Lt. Westerman leading. 16 P-47D's took off. 1 aircraft aborted. Escort Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1556 hours.

Dive Bomb

B. 1. 61 x P-47D
2. 60
3. 1 - Altimeter out
4. thru 7. None
8. 60 sorties

C. 1. 18 x 75 gal tanks carried
2. 14 jettisoned

D. 1. 120 hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 115,900 rds x .50 cal.
6,565 rds expended

F. 1. 60 x 500 RDA Inst.
16 x 460 M.17 Incendiary clusters
16 x 500 M.76
78 x 4.5 Rockets
2. 60 x 500
16 x 460
16 x 500 M.76
78 x 4.5 Rockets
3. and 4. None

G. and H. None

I. Other Claims on Ground

6 M/T destroyed
2 tunnels damaged
2 M/Y damaged
2 railcuts
30 buildings destroyed
10 buildings damaged
5 road blocks
20 RR cars destroyed
15 RR cars damaged

Escort

B. 1. 32 x P-47D
2. 30
3. 2 - 1 Radio out
1 Oil leak
4. thru 7. None
8. 30 sorties

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 76 hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 60,800 rds x .50 cal.
2. None

F. G. H. and I. None

For the Group Commander:

HENRY [illegible] IZAC
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
19 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 19 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374
(U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2805

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1050 down at 1235, recce route III, target Schwetzingen M/Y at R-610875. T.O.T. 1150, bomb run to 4000', 6 hits in M/Y, 2 hits in town W. of station, 2 buildings destroyed (small fires started). Loco & 30 plus Gondola cars bombed at R-567617, 4 hits on train, 4 cars destroyed, 2 hits N. of tracks, 2 hits S. of track. Strafed & damaged loco, 2 misses, 2 hits in Wissembourg, 1 hit in Lauterbourg, 1 hit on Worth, no results observed. No AA. Weather 9/10ths 1000' - 1500' at base, 10/10ths up to 2500', haze over Rhine, 3 mile visibiltity and improving. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2806

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1055 down at 1305. Bombed rails at R-295755. T.O.T. 1220, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on tracks, no cut, 17 misses. 21 rockets fired, unobserved. No AA. Weather 2/10ths - 4 10/10ths 1000' - 3000' Rhine Valley very hazy, visibility 1 - 2 miles, 9/10ths - 10/10ths 1000' - 3000' en route. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 460 lb Incd, 3 x 100 lb Phos, 21 rockets.

Mission 2807

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1105 down at 1325, target, loco & 10 plus boxcars at R-8080, 4 A/C bombed here, T.O.T. 1215, bomb run to 1000'. 8 hits on train, loco & 6 cars destroyed, 2 misses, 7 hits at R-2966, rails cut, 2 bombs dropped at R-7575, results unobserved. Mod. HAA at Mannheim. Weather 6/10ths 2000' to 3000' in target area. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #2 Flak. 1 A/C returned early, sortie credited. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2808

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1115 down at 1305, 4 A/C bombed loco & 15 boxcars at R-720336, also 80 boxcars here. T.O.T. 1210, bomb run to 2000', 10 hits in M/Y, 8 cars destroyed, 3 A/C bombed loco & 15 cars at R-697346, 2 hits E, 4 hits W, 2 hits S of target. Strafed train twice, results not known, no claims. On second pass Captain Gross was hit by flak, tried to land & as plane was sitting down it exploded & burned at R-6434, Pilot was not seen after explosion. Pilot M.I.A. Intense accurate LAA & HAA at R-720335. Weather 2/10ths - 4 10/10ths 1000' - 3000' Rhine Valley very hazy, visibility 1 - 2 miles, 9/10ths - 10/10ths 1000' - 3000' en route. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1, 1 A/C hit by flak, Cat. #3. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2809

16 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1130 down at 1345, target RR guns at R-215685. T.O.T. 1210, bomb run to 1500', 6 hits in target area, 2 hits SW, 24 unobserved due to weather. Strafed 1 loco & 15 plus boxcars at R-715728, damaged loco & 6 cars. Mod. LAA at target. Weather very hazy in Rhine Valley, 8/10ths - 10/10th 1000' - 3000' over entire route. Bombs exp: 32 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2810

1 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on weather recce up at 1030 down at 1130, recce'd Wissembourg - Landau - Hagenau area. Strafed 1 MT at R-301600 damaging it, strafed Rhhsbach, RR station, no results observed. Weather: Line of clouds running NW to SE through Bitche which extends to 2 miles of base. 10/10ths 2500' to 3500'.

Mission 2811

16 P-47s, 8 from 314th & 8 from 316th Fighter Squadrons on bomber escort mission up at 1350 down at 1555. Rendevous at base 10,000' at 1425, target, Badmunster RR bridge at M-083361. Bombers circles at Neustadt, returned without dropping bombs, no incident. Scant HAA at Wissembourg, mod. HAA at Neustadt, scant HAA at Landau. Weather, very hazy N & W of Mannheim, 10/10ths 12,000'. No bombs exp:

Mission 2812

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1425, down at 1615, target, loco & 20 plus flat or boxcars plus 200 plus boxcars. T.O.T. 1445, bomb run to 1500', 2 hit E end M/Y among boxcars, destroying 4 cars, 2 hits very near misses to S, 2 hits caused large explosion in center M/Y believed oil fire, 1 hit missed to N. 1 bomb unobserved, 2 hits S of tracks into buildings destroying 2, 8 hits into boxcars N & S of train, fired 6 rockets here, estimate 15 RR cars destroyed. Strafed & fire 8 rockets at loco & 20 boxcars at S-040545, loco damaged. Strafed & damaged 1 MT at R-595600. Scant inaccurate LAA & HAA at S-040545. Weather CAVU but hazy. Bombs exP: 16 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos, 14 rockets.

Mission 2813

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1500 down at 1645, target, Ammo Dump & 6 buildings at Q-722703. T.O.T. 1620, bomb run to 1500', 11 hits in ammo dump, 6 buildings in area destroyed, no explosion but large amount of brown smoke in target area, 6 hits in supply dump area destroying 4 buildings & damaging supply dump, 2 hits W of target. Intense LAA & small arms fire from target. Weather, no clouds at target, heavy haze on recce route III building up NE of Mannheim. Bombes exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2814

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1500 down at 1700, target, 2 locos & 15 plus boxcars each, also 75 mixed cars in Mannheim M/Y. T.O.T. 1545, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits SE of target, no damage, 2 hits between locos, both destroyed, 12 hits among RR cars, starting 2 fires with grey, black & blue smoke & causing large explosion, 30 RR cars destroyed & 25 damaged. 4 A/C strafed 1 MT & 1 building at R-467368, MT destroyed & building damaged. Scant HAA at Mannheim, M-5111 & R-4396. Weather, very hazy in Rhine Valley, 10/10ths top 5000' from base to Wissembourg. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2815

7 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1505 down at 1740, target M/Y at Karlsruhe. T.O.T . 1545, bomb run to 1500', 6 direct hits on train, starting huge fire with red flame & oil black smoke, loco & 8 cars destroyed & 4 cars damaged, same 3 A/C strafed loco at S-015375, 1 loco damaged, strafed loco & 8 passenger cars at S-038349, loco & 8 cars damaged, strafed loco & 15 boxcars at S-052306, loco damaged & 3 cars destroyed & 3 damaged. Strafed & damaged loco at S-055309. 4 A/C bombed M/Y at Warblingen at S-1626, 4 hits in M/Y started huge white fire among boxcars, 1 loco, 2 tank cars & 6 boxcars destroyed. 4 hits E. destroyed 2 buildings. 2 A/C strafed 1 loco & 20 boxcars at S-4524, loco & 3 cars damaged. 2 A/C strafed 3 MT at S-5010, 2 MT destroyed. 1 MT destroyed at S-4313. 2 A/C strafed & damaged 1 loco & 3 passenger carsat S-4519. 4 A/C strafed 30 -40 MT or huge trucks at R-9815, 20 damaged. Mod. LAA at R-9815, scant LAA at S-0331. weather, hazy in Rhine Valley, thin layer at 8500' E. of Rhine. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2816

16 P-47s, 8 from 314th and 8 from 316th Fighter Squadrons on dive bombing mission up at 1710 down at 1850, target, RR gun at R-215685. T.O.T. 1755, bomb run to 2000'. All bombs dropped- no direct hits. Mod. LAA & HAA at target. Weather CAVU but very hazy to 3000'. Bombs exp: 28 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb incd, 13 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2817 (Flown 18 February 1945)

1 P-47 of 314th Fighter Squadron on weather recce up at 1135 down at 1300, went to Saverne, Strassbourg, Sarreguimines, Pirmasens, Hagenau, landed at Confetti. Weather very bad.

WEATHER RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	2
	(ii)	2
	(viii)	2
Note 5 D	(i)	2:35
Note 6 E	(i)	4,000
	(ii)	500

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	16
	(ii)	16
	(viii)	16
Note 5 D	(i)	34:00
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000'
	(ii)	120

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 19 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	94
	(ii)	94
	(vi)	1 Flak
	(vii)	2 Flak, Cat. #2
		1 Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	94
Note 5 D	(i)	181:05
Note 6 E	(i)	188,000
	(ii)	29,150
	(iii)	2,000
Note 7 F	(i)	182 x 500 lb GP
		10 x 460 lb Incd.
		34 x 100 lb Phos
		35 Rockets
	(ii)	180 x 500 lb GP
		10 x 460 lb Incd.
		34 x 100 lb Phos.
		35 Rockets
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP
Note 8 G		1 Pilot M.I.A.

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	3	22
Locos	5	10
RR Cars	86	52
Supply Dump		1
Buildings	18	1
RR Cuts, complete	1	

For the Group Commander:

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

21 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 218 for the period ending Sunset 19 February 1945.

4. Operation No: A.O. 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Close Cooperation and Armed Reconnaissance.

A. A.O.16 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron were dispatched at 1103 to go on C/C and A/R. 35 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Saareguemine to Homburg to Kaiserslautern to 10 mi E of Worms to base. Time over target areas: 1125 - 1255. Sq. contacted "Pelican" who wanted them to recce the roads between ↳-5367 to ↳-5167, but they were unable to do so, due to low clouds. 6 GPs were dropped on RR track at L-3304 - 1 rail cut. 9 GPs dropped on M/Y at L-3815 with 3 direct hits in the yard and 6 NRO - 4 box cars destroyed and 1 M/Y damaged. 3 GPs were dropped on tracks at L-2707 - missed. 5 GPs dropped on bridge at K-2403 - missed bridge but 1 road cut. 12 GPs dropped on a M/Y (location unknown) with 6 hits in the yard which contained 20-25 box cars - 4 cars destroyed and 1 M/Y damaged. 1 M/T strafed as it was heading W (location unknown). There was no observations, flak, losses, or e/a seen. Weather: 6-7/10s with base 1700 ft, tops 3000 ft, haze making visibility below limited to ½ mile. Down 1335.

A.O.17 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1115 to give C/C bomb targets at ↳-333718, ↳-560645, and conduct A/R, in Wissembourg, Worms, Heppenheim, and Karlsruhe area. 36 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Saarebourg to target, to recce area to base. In that "Pelican" requested squadron to recce area surrounding the target which he had assigned to them, squadron did not follow briefed recce route. "Pelican Uncle" assigned as target the town of Gieslautern (↳-347713). They were to bomb the NE end of the town and the road going NE out of the town. Target was marked with red smoke. 33 GPs

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were dropped on this target with good concentration and the buildings which lined the road were well hit. No further claims are made. Two roads were cut NE of the town at Q-3471 and Q-3472. "Pelican Uncle" called the squadron after the bombing and said "good bombing". Town was strafed twice. 3 GPs were dropped on factory at Q-3673 with three direct hits - claim factory destroyed. Flak: moderate light at Q-3471. Losses: 1 P-47 - Cat 1 (flak). No e/a seen. Weather: 5-6/10s cloud with base at 1700, tops 3000, and visibility below the clouds at 2 miles. Down 1332.

A.O.18 16 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispathced at 1540 to go on C/C and A/R. 45 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Saareguemine to base. Contacted "Pelican" who told squadron to bomb town and road curve at Q-5863, town of Bebelsheim and Q-5166. 21 GPs dropped on the town - 3 buildings destroyed and all bombs hit in the town. 24 GPs dropped on road with 2 direct hits and numerous near misses - road cut and 1 road block. 1 truck headed N at Q-5863 strafed and destroyed. 1 truck headed N at Q-5867 strafed and destroyed. Poor visibility made recce or any observations impossible. Flak: scant heavy at Q-5867. There were no losses or e/a seen. Weather: no cloud, but haze to 3-4,000 ft. Visibility up sun was 1 mile, and down sun 3 miles. Down 1650.

A.O.19 15 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1452 to go on C/C, bomb target at Q-4890, and conduct A/A of Sarrebourg - Q-4890 - Heppenheim - Karlsruhe area. 45 x 500# GPs were carried. Route flown was base to Sarrebourg to Bitche to Pirmasens to Hagenau to base. Time over target: 1630. 3 GPs were dropped on M/T moving S at Q-950635 - no hits, but 1 building destroyed by near misses. 9 GPs dropped on 6 light AA guns at R-0935 - no hits on guns, but 1 building in the town of Surbourg was destroyed by a miss. 3 of these positions were damaged by strafing. 2 GPs on Bedelsheim (Q-6661* - NRO. 1 GP on M/T at Q-944330 - NRO. 6 GPs on RR at Q-936345 - NRO. None of these bombs were observed to go off. 9 GPs on light AA position at Q-9634 - NRO. 1 of these bombs hung up and fell off S of the E-W RR in the vicinity of Q-9426. 6 GPs dropped on RR at R-056332 - NRO on three of them and 3 missed. 6 GPs on 2 tanks and 1 M/T moving E at R-074375 plus several strafing passes - 1 tank and 1 M/T destroyed. 1 tank damaged, 1 road cut. 3 GPs on 4 light and 3 heavy AA guns at R-074343 - 2 heavy guns destroyed and 2 light guns damaged. The following claims are made from strafing: 1 M/T moving N at R-0934 was damaged; 1 MDV at R-069370 destroyed, 4 light guns in vicinity of R-070350 damaged. The squadron was controlled by "Pelican", "Pelican Able", and "Baggage". The R/T was too cluttered up to be of any value. Unable to locate "Pineapple"of 30 M/T in the Pirmasens area. The following observations were made: hospital with all white ambulances at R-0736; nothing on the RR lines in the Hagenau woods. Flak: intense light flak in entire area of grid boxes Q-9030 and R-0030. Positions were observed along many

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of the roads at 50 yard intervals. Losses: 1 P-47, Cat 2, crashed upon landing at Y-1, Tantonville - pilot safe. No e/a seen. Down 1715.

A.C.20 13 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at C/C and A/R at 1700 hours. Squadron carried 31 x 500# GPs and 8 x 460# frags. Squadron was recalled while in Nancy area, because of weather, and returned to base with bombs. Weather: haze to 2500 feet, visibility ½ - 1 mile. Down 1740 hours.

B. (i) 68 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
R-3304, Rail track
R-3815, M/Y
R-2707, tracks
R-2403, Bridge
(Unknown) M/Y
Strafed: 1 M/T headed N (unknown)

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
R-347713 - Gieslautern; also strafed twcie.
R-3673 - factory.

16 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
R-5165 - Bebelsheim
R-5863 - road.
Strafed: truck headed N at R-5863.
truck headed N at R-5867.

15 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
R-950635, M/T moving S.
R-0935, 6 light AA guns.
R-6661, Medelsheim.
R-944330, M/T.
R-936345, Rail.
R-3634, light AA position.
R-056332, Rail.
R-074375, 1 M/T and 2 tanks moving E
R-074343, 4 light & 3 heavy AA guns
Strafed: R-0934, 1 M/T moving N.
R-069370, MBV.
R-070350, 4 light guns.

55 a/c completed missions.

(iii) 13 a/c aborted: weather.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 1 P-47 damaged, Cat 1, flak; 1 P-47 damaged, Cat 2, crash land.

(viii) 55

C. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

D. (i) 151:20

(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 163,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 19,325 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 192 - 500# GP bombs, fuzed - tail, A113 - P.D. 216 (4-5 sec.)
(51) nose spikes.
8 - 460# Frags, fuzed - tail A113.
(ii) 161 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
6 GPs on AA track at R-3304.
9 GPs on M/Y at R-3815.
3 GPs on tracks at R-2707.
5 GPs on bridge at R-2403.
12 GPs on M/T (unknown)
33 GPs on Gieslautern (R-247713.
3 GPs on factory at R-3673.
21GPs on Bebelsheim at R-5165.
24 GPs on road at R-5863.
3 GPs on M/T moving S at R-950635.
9 GPs on 6 Light AA Guns at R-0925.
2 GPs on Bebelsheim (R-6661).
6 GPs on AA at R-936345; 1 GP on M/T at R-944330.
9 GPs on light AA positions at R-9634.
6 GPs on AA at R-056832. 6 GPs on 2 tanks & 1 M/T at R-074375
3 GPs on 4 light & 3 heavy AA guns at R-074363
(iii) Nil
(iv) 31 GPs and 8 frags returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation.
a) 4
c) 1
2. Armored Vehicles and Tanks.
a) 1
c) 1
4. Railroad Cars.
a) 8
6. Gun Emplacements.
a) 2
c) 9
9. Factories & Miscellaneous Buildings.
a) 4
10. Roads Cut
a) 2
11. Railroad Cuts
a) 1
13. Horse Drawn Vehicles
a) 1
14. 1

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4. Operation No: A.O. 15. Escort Mission.

A. A.O.15 17 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1315 to escort B-26s. Route flown was base to Laneville to Saverne to FT (-0835) to Saverne to Saarbourg to Dieglingen (Alt. target) to base. R/V with bombers 1400 hours at 10,000 ft over Laneville. Bombers bombed alternate target at Dieglingen L/Y, at 1520 hours. Squadron withdrew from bombers in vicinity of V-4080 at 1535 hours. Time over target area was 1415 - 1530 hours. There was a good concentration of hits in S part of T/Y. Many fires and explosions were observed from the bombing. Flak nil. No e/a seen. Weather: in P/T area 8-9/10s, base unknown; in alternate target area - no cloud with haze to 7,000 ft, visibility 5-7 miles. Down 1605.

B. (i) 17 P-47s dispatched, one of which was a weather recce.
(ii) 17 a/c completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 17

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 51:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

Joseph S. Groves
JOSEPH S. GRAVES,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Asst Stat Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 34 - 95

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 569

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1249 Time Down 24-1550/1650 Total Hours 107:25

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's.

3. Weather: 4/10 Sc and Cu - ACPL 6/7,000' - VISIBILITY 4-5 MILES IN HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	AIR SPARE
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE RIGHT ENGINE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
5 - B26	LEFT FORMATION TO RETURN TO BASE(2 DUE TO ENGINE TROUBLE 3 AS ESCORT).

5. Target: (1) BAD MUNSTER RR BRIDGE (W/W-083351), GERMANY. (2) LAHR BARRACKS AND SUPPLY AREA (W/W-113710), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(1)					
(2)	BARRACKS & SUPPLY AREA-W/W- 113710, GSGS 4416, SHEET W-2-CENTER.	KIRCHEN-VOLANDEN, GERMANY.	1520	19	12,000'.
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective Flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 118 degrees with sharp left break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 203 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	45 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 100%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "Buildings in the west half of the target area were burning as a result of the 320th Bomb Group's attack. Bombs of the 17th Bomb Group covered the entire east half of the target. Two strings of bombs covering the warehouse area scored hits on five of the buildings and near misses on a sixth. The remainder of the bombs covering the south edge of the target scored hits on three of the large barracks buildings and a warehouse in the southeast corner. There were no fires or explosion visible on the photos. All bombs fell within the target area." - - - X Eight (8) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 XND	208-	- -	145	- -	- -	NONE	32(4 of the 5 A/C that ret. to base 8(SPARE) 8(ENG)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	8	ENGINEERING	10 MILES SE OF SAVERNE.
500# GP	7	RACK MALFUNCTION	2 MILES W OF LAHR.

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	37,460	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
GP	INACCURATE	SCANT	BATTENBERG, GERMANY.

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. 37 ~~98~~ 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 570

1. No. Off 24 - B26 Time Up 1313 Time Down 22-1558/1645 Total Hours 97:50
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's.
3. Weather: 10/10 CLOUD COVERAGE.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
22 - B26	HAZE PREVENTED LEAD A/C FROM SYNCHRONIZING BOMB. SIGHT.

5. Target: (1) BAD MUNSTER RR BRIDGE (W/W-083351), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: MISSION ABORTIVE, DUE TO WEATHER.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X ND	192	NO BOMBS DROPPED				8	8(ENG) 176(WEATHER)

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	34,650	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	LANDAU AREA (R-2863).
CP	ACCURATE	SCANT	BUMBACH AREA (R-1325).
CP	ACCURATE	SCANT	NEWSTADT AREA (R-3272).

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C (B26-G5-43-34239) D/S at LYON-BRCM A/D, awaiting inspection to determine final status.	Right tire blew out, shortly after take-off, damaging cell door causing A/C to attempt emergency landing.	NONE
10 A/C returned damaged (CAT. II).	FLAK	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X ND	192	NO BOMBS DROPPED				8	8(ENG) 176(WEATHER)

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -

8

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	34,650	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	LANDAU AREA (R-2863).
CP	ACCURATE	SCANT	BUMBACH AREA (R-1325).
CP	ACCURATE	SCANT	NEWSTADT AREA (R-3272).

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C (B26-05-43-34239) D/S at LYON-BRCM A/D, awaiting inspection to determine final status.	Right tire blew out, shortly after take-off, damaging cell door causing A/C to attempt emergency landing.	NONE
10 A/C returned damaged (CAT. II).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 491

1. No. Off 25 B-26's Time Up 12:20 Time Down 16:05 Total Hours 86:10

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 2/10ths Strato cumulus, target oper.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
4 B-26's	2 Spares 1 Engine 1 Personnel

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Hung up over target.

5. Target: (1) Lahn, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Barracks	Wittenshein	15:20	20 B-26's	12,600
(")	W-113710	V-8608			
(2)					
(3).					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each Squadron. Axis of attack-690T. Withdrawal - Broke Right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 95 30 seconds.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs of both squadrons covered left side of target area, large explosion with red flames observed in target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&non delay	200	159				None	33

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	8	Hung Up	Target area

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	68,750	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 19 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 490

1. No. Off 33 B-26's Time Up 11:46 Time Down 15:46 Total Hours 125:39

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 2/10ths Strato cumulus target open.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
4 B-26's	2 Spares 1 Engine 1 Personnel sick,

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Bombs damaged
1 B-26	Emergency

5. Target: (1) [redacted], GERMANY. (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Barracks and supply dump (w) W-113710	Wittenshein V-8668	15:01	27 B-26's	11,200 10,400
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal - (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 70°T. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 40 3½ min.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs of 1st squadron covered the target. Bombs of the second squadron landed short.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&non delay	264	214				None	32

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	18	2 Hung Up 8 flak damaged 8 Emergency	2 in target area 8 at K-2486 8 Unknown.

8	Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
	50 Cal	90,750	"one

9.	Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
	Light	accurate	Moderate	K-3623

10.	No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
	None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
7 B-26's (Cat I)	Flak	None
1 B-26 (Cat II) B-26G5 43-34557	Flak	None

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Opreg 'a' No 126 for 24 hrs ending sunset 19 February, 1945. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3793, TR/6/19/16

A. 2 F 6C's from 11:45 to 13:00 to recce Saargemund, Saarbrucken, St. Wendel, Homburg, Pirmasens, Bitche, OBSNS: 1 MT mvg S at Q-4876. 3 MTs stat facing S at Q-4975. 4 HDTs mvg W into town at Q-4975. 1 MT, white in color, mvg W at Q-5275. 1 MT mvg S at Q-5374. NMS, other, due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 12:00 to 12:45. WEATHER: 10/10 1800 to 3500' with few breaks over area.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking area above. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 40 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3794, TR/21/19/20

A. 2 F 60's from 11:50 to 13:40 to recce Strassburg, Rastatt, Pforzheim, Boblingen, Freudenstadt, OBSNS: 1 HDT mvg E at W-0997. 10 MTs mvg N and S between Achern and Rastatt. Rastatt M/Y 1/4 filled. NMS Rastatt-Karlsruhe-Pforzheim. Pforzheim M/Y 1/2 filled. 1 train 25 plus boxcars stat facing E 15 flat cars loaded (not MTs) in M/Y at R-8821. 3-4 flatcars loaded (not MTs) in M/Y at R-9022. Stuttgart M/Y 1/6 filled, no activity. 1 train 40 boxcars S/U facing SW in Boblingen (R-9411) M/Y. 1 train 25 cars (type unobs) mvg S at W-7288. 1 train 4-5 boxcars stat facing N in M/Y at W-7395. 1 train 10 passenger cars mvg N at R-7224. All the small M/Y's from Pforzheim S to R-7316 were stacked with crates. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 12:10 to 13:20. WEATHER: 1/10 Rhine valley Strassburg-Karlsruhe. 7/10 3-5000' Mts between Pforzheim and W-3580.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): NIL. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3795, TR/17/19/24.

A. 2 F 6 C's from 12:00 to 13:45 attac to recce Rastatt, Bietigheim, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 2 large MTs w/trailers mvg SW at R-3325. 1 loco mvg NW into Durlach. Pforzheim M/Y 1/2 filled, mostly boxcars. 1 loco mvg SW into Pforzheim. Sachsenheim A/D serviceable, no A/C seen on field. 1 train mvg SE into Ludwigsburg (S-0634) with 40 plus boxcars. NMS Bietigheim-Heilbronn. 30 plus barges, mostly empty, stat on Necker river at Heilbronn. 30 barges (covered) on Necker River at S-0472. 1 train 35 boxcars w/white tops mvg S at S-0868. 1 train 20 plus boxcars mvg SE at R-9196. 1 loco S/U facing W at R-8091. 10 barges (covered) stat on Necker river just E of Heidelberg. 1 loco mvg W out of Heidelberg. NMS Heidelberg-Mannheim. 2 trains 15-20 cars (type HB) unobserved) mvg SE in Mannheim M/Y. 2 switch engines both facing NW in center of Mannheim M/Y with S/U. 1 train stat facing NW with 20 plus boxcars in Mannheim M/Y. 1 tug towing barge 300' long mve up Rhine river at R-5592. Area R-5592-Karlsruhe unobed. 1 train 15 plus boxcars stat facing SE in Karlsruhe M/Y. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 12:15 to 13:30. WEATHER: 3/10 1500-2000' Rhine Valley and E to Heilbronn. Vis 6 mi.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3796 TR/22/19/21

A. 2 F 60's from 13:40 to 16:10 to recce Strassburg, Rastatt, Ettlingen, Pforzheim, Boblingen, Freudenstadt. OBSNS: NMS Kehl-Freudenstadt. 1 loco mvg W into Freudenstadt. 1 train S/U and 20 boxcars 10 empty gondolas, 10 empty flat cars facing W in M/Y at W-7093. 1 loco mvg W into M/Y at W-7093. 30 plus RR cars covered w/canvass stat on siding at W-7187. 2 MTs w/trailers mvg S at R-8806. Boblingen M/Y R-9510 empty. 1 loco mvg E at R-9812. 3 locos S/U in Stuggart M/Y. 6 locos S/Y and 150 boxcars in M/Y at S-0532. 2 MTs mvg W at R-8923. 1 MT mvg E at R-8227. Pforzheim M/Y 1/6 filled. NMS Pforzheim-Karlsruhe. 1 loco S/U facing W in M/Y at R-4845. M/Y's at Durlach, Ettlingen and Rastatt empty. NMS Karlsruhe, Freudenstadt, Offenburg. Offenburg M/Y 1/6 filled with cars, no activity. NMS Offenburg- Baden-Baden. NMS in Haguenau forrest. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, moderate, accurate vicinity of R-0530. PHOTOS: V-1 launching site at W-278997 and supplies at W-4790, successful. R/C: Good. TOA: 14:00 to 15:50. WEATHER: ~~C.W.~~ Slight haze in area.

B. (i) 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3797 TR/7/19/17

A. 2 F 60's from 13:45 to 15:15 to recce Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, Kaiserlautern, St. Wendel, Saarbrucken, Neunkirchen, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: NMS Saarbrucken - Saarlautern. NMS Saarbrucken-Neunkirchen. Area Saarlautern, St. Wendel, Homburg, Pirmasens, Bitche unobserved because of weather. Vis 1-2 mi. M/Y at Q-5381 1/2 filled with boxcars. 2 MTs mvg N at Q-8380. 1 MT mvg S at Q-9478. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Fair. TOA: 14:00 to 15:00. WEATHER: 10/10 4000' N and NW of Kaiserlautern. Scattered clouds Saarbeisn at 4000'. Vis 1-2 mi.

B. (i) 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS 3798 TR/18/19/25

A. 2 F 60s from 13:45 to 15:45 to recce Karlsruhe, Bietigheim, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 2 MTs mvg N at R-4536. 1 MT on autobahn mvg E at R-5341. 2 large MTs on autobahn mvg W at R-5341. 2 large vans mvg SE at R-6338. Pforzheim M/Y about 1/4 filled with boxcars; 1 locomvg W in yds. 1 MT on autobahn mvg NW at R-7830. 1 MT mvg SE on autobahn at R-7337. 75 boxcars in Muhlacken M/Y at R-8140. ~~75xx~~ 1 MT mvg NW at R-9137. 100 plus boxcars Biotingham M/Y at S-0242. 3 MTs mvg N at S-0346. 6 MTs, 4 mvg S & 2 W, at S-1458. Heilbronn M/Y ½ to 3/4 filled with boxcars. 5 barges stat Necker river at S-0670. 1 MT mvg S at S-0474. 15 barges stat on Neckar R at R-9983. 6 barges stat on Necker R at S-0376. 4 barges stat on Neckar R at R-9888. 1 tug boat towing barge N on Necker R and 2 barges stat at R-9790. 100 plus boxcars in M/Y R-9196. 1 train of 40 plus cars, first 10 were flat cars loaded with tanks, and the rest boxcars, mvg W at R-9492. Not called to Controller. 2 MTs mvg E at R-8189. 15 barges on Necker R at R-9196. Heidelberg M/Y about 1/4 filled. 5 MTs mvg SE on autobahn at R-6294. 2 large fires in Mannheim M/Y. 1 MT w/3 trailers, mvg SE at R-5793, looked like empty coal trailers. NMS Schmatzingen to Karlsruhe because of haze. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, inaccurate at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 1410 to 1515. WEATHER: ~~Clr~~ 3/10 at 10000' E of Rhine R. Hazy. Vis 1 to 2 mi.

B. (i) 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3799.TR/11/19/27

A. 2 F 60s from 14:55 to 17:25 to recce Pirmasens, Bingen, St. Wendel, Kaiserlautern, Homburg. OBSNS: 50 plus boxcars Kaiserlautern M/Y. NMS Landstuhl-Kaiserlautern. 3 MTs mvg SW at M-1006. 2 MTs mvg N at M-0807. 2 MTs mvg N at M-0425. 200 plus boxcars scattered along RR line from M-1241 to M-1350 in groups of about 75 cars ea. 300 plus boxcars from M-1344 to town of Bad Kreuznach in strings of about 50 ea. Some were wooden cars. RR bridge at M-083351 damaged. Possibly serviceable. 75 plus boxcars and many bales, crates, lumber in loading area at L-9432. Bales, crates and lumber in loading areas at L-9033, L-8032, and L-7023. 75 plus boxcars at L-9033. 150 plus boxcars at L-9033, same at L-8032. NMS St. Wendel Zweibrucken, Q-9073, Kaiserlautern and Homburg. 40 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q-9073, no activity. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense, inaccurate at Bad Munster. PHOTOS: RR bridge M-083351, successful. R/C: Good. TOA: 15:20 to 17:00. WEATHER: 9/10 at 7000' & 5/10 at 1500' over battle area. Ground haze to 3000'. Vis 3 mi.
B. (i) 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3800, TR/19/19/26.

A. 2 F 60s from16:00 to 18:00 to recce Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Mannheim. OBSNS:
1 train mvg N (no & type of cars un observed) at R-5954
1 " " N " " " " " R-5562
1 " " N " " " " " R-5673
1 " " N 50 plus cars (type un observed) " R-6882
1 loco S/U (no and type of cars unobserved) mvg SW in Karlsruhe M/Y.
3 LocosS/U stat (direction unobserved) at Heilelberg M/Y.
2 locos S/U R-6396 and 1 loco S/Y R-6194, 2 locos S/U R-5895. 5 locos S/U Mannheim M/Y; yds 3/4 filled. 1 loco S/U stat and 1 loco mvg SE R-5694. Remainder of route covered because of darkness. Nothing called in to Controller because of poor radio contact. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, accurate at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. TOA: 17:00 to 17:40. WEATHER: Heavy haze.
B. (i) 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (ii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3801, TR/23/19/22

A. 2 F 60s from 16:05 to 17:25 to recce Strassburg, Achern. OBSNS: 15 flat cars loaded (not MTs) & 12 boxcars stat on siding at W-1396. 2 MTs mvg N at W-2099. 10 empty flatcars and 10 boxcars in M/Y at Achern R-2503. Mission returned due to mechanical difficulties. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:40 to 17:05. WEATHER: CAVU with ground haze, Vis 3 mi.
B. (i) 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3802, TR/8/19/18

A. 2 F 60s from 16:15 to 18:30 to recce Neunkirchen, Q-6492, L-5211, L-4712, Q-5310, Saarbrucken. OBSNS: 5 MTs mvg NE Q-6494. F/B called and hit target. 10 objects (appeared to be camouflaged tanks) at Q-6395. Strafed by F/Bs. 3 MTs stat facing NE at Q-675985, hit by F/B's. 3 MTs mvg N at Q-6492. NMS Neunkirchen-St. Wendel. 1 train, 30 plus cars stat facing E, no loco at L-5309. 25 MTs loaded on flatcars and crates piled on 2 flacars at L-5309. Flatcars had uprights on each corned, called to Controller. 1 loco S/U 20 boxcars facing S at L-5509. 1 loco S/U at L-5710 (dir unobsed). 1 train 30 boxcars and 200 plus boxcars in M/Y at L-5211. 5 MTs stat facing NE at L-4712. 1 train 30 boxcars stat facing E at Q-374894. Hospital at Q-350885 W of town. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, scant, inaccurate at Q-6595. Light, scant, inaccurate at Q-5310. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:30 to 18:15. WEATHER: Hazy & smoky from ground to 5000', Vis 2 mi.
B. 2 F 60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (iii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 40. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

19 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 157 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 19 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 466 TR/12/19/5

A. 2 F6 C's from 1125-1310. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Contacted Spurtle leader at 1135. Arrived over T/G at 1200. T/G completely obscured by 10/10 strato cumulus top 3200 base 1000-1500 feet. Proceeded on instruments beneath overcast, located T/G at 1225. Called Spurtle leader and told him T/G was as photographed and briefed. Clouds opened at 1225 over T/G allowing a 1500 yard passage. P-47's dived on T/G, part of their run made through overcast. Many hits in T/G area, although not all were observed. Left T/G area 1235. M/Y Landau 1/4 full, NMS. 1 train mvg E into Landau. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: 5 runs oblique photographs BDA R215685 flying 1500-2000 feet 290° course 1225-1235. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1140-1255. WEATHER: 10/10 strato cumulus base 1000-1500 top 3200.
B. 2 F6 C's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 467 TR/2/19/2

A. 2 F6 C's from 1145-1315. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: RR cut at R1138 on RR from Wissembourg to R0735. Remainder of area unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1300. WEATHER: 10/10 base 3200 top 3800 vis 3 miles due to haze, Pirmasens area, 1/10-3/10 base 3700 top 3800 Hagenau area.
B. 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 468 TR/9/19/13

A. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D. from 1140-1310. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NTR, weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1205-1250. WEATHER: 9/10 base 1500 top 3500 N and W of Kaiserslautern, with heavy haze on deck.
B. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D. 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 469 TR/25/19/10

A. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D from 1220-1430. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Lahr 1/2 full, NMS. 1 M/T mvg E into Lahr. M/Y Kenzingen has about 50 mixed cars. M/Y Emmendingen has about 50 cars, mostly box cars. 4 M/T mvg S into Freiburg. M/Y Freiburg 1/3 full, 2 trains 40 cars each, mostly box cars fac S STAT S/U. Called to controller. Train, 30 box cars mvg E W1730. 7 barrage balloons 3000' at W1730. 10 barrage balloons over SW end of Freiburg at 2000'. RR bdg W2524 serv. 6 barrage balloons 3000' W2524. 2 groups of 50 cars each mostly box cars on siding W2922. M/Y Neustadt appears unserv. 4 M/T mvg W out of Neustedt. M/Y Donau Eschingen approx 1/3 full, NMS. 3 trains, 40-50 cars each, mostly box cars, fac S STAT S/U in M/Y at Villingen, M/Y 1/2 full. M/Y Schweiningen 1/2 full, 1 train 40-50 box cars STAT S/U. 2 trains 30 boxcars each STAT S/U in M/Y at Freiburg (shown above). 1 train, 30

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box cars mvg N W375525. 2 M/T mvg S W3561. 200 cars in M/Y Hausach. 1 train 8-10 passenger cars mvg E into Hausach. 200 cars in M/Y Haslach, NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1240-1410. WEATHER: CAVU IN AREA. 3/10-4/10 5000 N of Strasbourg.
B. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D. (ii) 2 attacking route # 2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.20 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 470 TR/3/19/3 PR/A-217

A. 1 F6 B & 1 F6 C from 1415-1645. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 8 HDT, and 2 M/T mvg N from Q-975340 to Q-970350, Called to controller. 1 tank mvg E at Q9935. 1 large M/T mvg W at Q-9737. 3 HDT mvg E at Q-9936. 2 tanks, STAT, fac S at Q-9334. 4 artillery guns camouflaged vicinity Q-9634. Netting comouflaging object 30 ft long by 30 ft wide at Q-9333. 4 concrete buildings, each 150 yards long in woods vicinity of R-1957. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique of strip from Q-8434 to Q-9128 4500' 135° at 1500 hrs. Oblique of strip from Q-8434 to Q9128 3500' 135° at 1510 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1630. WEATHER: Haze to 3000 ft.
B. 1 F6 B & 1 F6 C. (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 5.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 471 TR/14/19/7 & PR/A-246 & PR/105

A. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D from 1415-1640. To recce in area"D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Landau 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y at Neustadt 1/3 full, NMS. 10 box cars, 1 flat car with M/T at R-4887. M/Y at R-4687 1/5 full, NMS. NMS on Autobahn from Kaiserslautern to Frankenthul. No rail movement seen from Kaiserslautern to Worms. NM S seen from Kaiserslautern to Neustadt. 10 box cars at R-2406. 10 barrge balloons at 500-3500 at Germersheim. 35 flat cars with camouflaged M/T or tanks at R-4363, Called to controller. NMS on Rhine from Germersheim to Strasbourg. 13 pontoons in canal at R-3235. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at Schifferstadt; S-I-H at Bad Durckheim. PHOTOS: Vertical of dump from R-3751 to R-4049 10,500' 130° at 1440. V strip from R-2356 to R-3656 10,500' 97° at 1450. V of RR cars at R-4363 4000' 270° at 1600. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1615. WEATHER: CAVU S of Bad Durckheim, 10/10 N of Bad Durckheim.
B. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.50 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 472 TR/26/19/11

A. 2 F6 D's from 1410-1610. To recce in route # 2. OBSERVATIONS: 50 B/C on siding at W-0873. RR cut at W-1342. 7 scattered M/T mvg B/W on Hwy between Freiburg and Emmendingen. Approx 10 balloons 1000' high along RR between W-3225 and W-3425. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical, possible launching ramp, W-2899, 6000' 320° 1540 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1550. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited. Vis 6 miles down-sun, 1/2 mile up-sun.
B. 2 F6 D's. (ii) 2 attacking route # 2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 473 TR/10/19/14

A. 1 F6 B & 1 F6 C from 1400-1610. To recce area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg 1/3 full, NMS. Dump at Q-700795. 1 M/T mvg E at P-6683. M/Y Kaiserslautern (W) 1/3 full, NMS. 1 M/T mvg SW at Q-8572. 2 M/T mvg W at Q-8870. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, Q-7647. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1550. WEATHER: S of Kaiserslautern 2-4 /10 top 3000', base 2500'. N of Kaiserslautern 9-10/10 top 3000' base 2500. N of Kaiserslautern 10/10 base 7800-8500', heavy haze.
B. 1 F6 B & 1 F6 C. (ii)2attacking area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.20 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 474 PR/A-247/19/28

A. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D from 1540-1725. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NIL. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-1 at R-1627. PHOTOS: Vertical strip from R-0934 to R-1833 10,000' 103° at 1645 hrs. Vertical of dump at R-2634 10,000' 160° at 1650. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1555-1705. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis. up-sun 1/2 mile, down sun 3 miles. Heavy haze.
B. 1 F6 C & 1 F6 D. (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 475 TR/27/19/12 & PR/140

A. 1 F6 B & 1 F6 D from 1600-1800. To recce in route # 2. OBSERVATIONS:2 large fires in Lahr, smoke obscured town. 40 plus box cars at W-0871. 2 M/T mvg E into Freiburg. Approx 100 cars in M/Y at Freiburg, NMS. 4 barrage balloons at 150 ft over E part of Freiburg. 6 barrage balloons at W-2524. 1 M/T mvg NE at W-3123. 2 M/T mvg N out of Donau Eschingen. 20 cars and 1 loco working in M/Y at Schwenningen. M/Y at Villingen, 3/4 full, NMS. NMS Villingen--Strasbourg. loading platform covered with large boxes at Georgen (W-4547). 50-75 box cars in M/Y at Gengenbach, NMS. 30 barrage balloons on ground at V-940485. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical of barracks at W-569291 7000' 70° at 1645 hrs. Vertical of barracks at W-569291 7700' 90° at 1645hrs. Vertical of town at V-940485 5500' 80° at 1720 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD,. TIME OVER AREA: 1625-1735. WEATHER: Hazy in Rhine Valley.
B. 1 F6 B & 1 F6 D. (ii) 2 attacking route # 2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 476 TR/4/19/4

A. 2 F6 C's from 1610-1810. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T mvg N into Pirmasens. Bitche under shell fire by heavy artillery, no results observed. No activity in M/Y at Wissemburg. 3 large hospitals at R-2936. Heavy artillery shelling S edge of woods at Q-9834. 1 M/T mvg N at Q-9554. Camouflaged supply dump at Q-9558, defende by tracer and smokeless flak. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-1 at R-1525; M-A-1 at Q-8632; M-I-1 at Q-9558. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1625-1755. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis 1 1/2 miles in haze.
B. 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 477 TR/15/19/8

A. 2 F6 C's from 1630-1835. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Contacted Starry at 1640. Joined flight at 1650 and led them to T/G which was almost obscured by haze and shadow. Starry bombed T/G at 1710 with poor results, however some damage may have been done by strafing. Starry returned to base. Then contacted Duckbill at 1735 and led them to T/G which they bombed with poor results, some of bombs hitting in town, somw in field, and some on Hwy. No hits observed on RR and definitely no hits on T/G. Incendiaries dropped by last flight, which lande d on Hwy and in field and among houses. All SW of Target. Duckbill returned to base at 1800 hrs. ENEMY AIR: 3 jet a/c in Mainz area flying at 25000'. One at 1700, one at 1730 and one at 1745, no contact. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L Annweiler. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1815. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis. 1 1/2 miles in haze.

B. 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds..50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 325 for 24 hours ending sunset
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USAAF
Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/19/45 [redacted]

OPERATIONS No. 553 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 19 February 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to bad weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

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Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

21 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 159 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 21 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 482 TR/1/21/1

A. 2 F6Ds from 0750-0900. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0845. WEATHER: 10/10 over entire area.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 2.20 hrs. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 483 TR/12/21/5

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0745-0945. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0800-0915. WEATHER: 10/10 with base at 2000--tops at 4000.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 484 TR/24/21/9

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0755-0855. To recce in "Route 2". OBSERVATIONS: 1 loco, STAT, S/U, facing S at W-0668--loco damaged. Fortifications along E bank of Rhine between W-0166 and Kehl appear to be deserted. Large fire in dock area at Kehl. 2 locos working in M/Y at Offenburg. M/Y almost empty. Staff car moving S at W-0872. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L at W-0872. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0840. WEATHER: 10/10 deck to 5000'. Breaking up in South.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking "Route 2" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 2.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 485 TR/9/21/13

A. 2 F6Cs from 0755-0855. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at St Wendell 1/2 full, NMS. 1 train, 50 plus cars, moving S at L-5509. M/Y 3/4 full, 1 loco working at L-5509. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at L-5509. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0840. WEATHER: 9-10/10 with tops at 4000--base 2500.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 2.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 486 TR/2/21/2

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1050-1250. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1110-1230. WEATHER: 9-10/10 at 3000' top 4500' over entire area.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 487 TR/13/21/6

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1110-1335. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Schifferstadt almost empty. NMS. 2 empty barges moving S at R-5195. M/Y at Ludwigshafen 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Mannheim (R-5795) 3/4 full, 6 locos working. All M/Y's at Ludwigshafen & Mannheim 1/4 - 1/2 full. NMS on reichsautobahn from Frankenthal to Grunstadt. M/Y Grunstadt almost empty. NMS. P-47's D/B M/Y SE Mannheim. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H - Ludwigshafen & Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1135-1300. WEATHER: 9-10/10 base 1500' top 5000'.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.50 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 488 TR/25/21/10

A. 2 F6Cs from 1055-1235. To recce in "Route #2". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1210. WEATHER: 10/10 with 3500-5500 tops--1500-2500 base.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.20 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 489 TR/10/21/14

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 1140-1340. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train, 20 flat cars loaded with M/T,1 flak car STAT. S/U at M-0232, 10 box cars, 10 flat cars loaded with M/T on main RR at M-0231, called to controller at 1250. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-I-L at M-0232. PHOTOS: Oblique, train, M-0232, 3000', 90°, 1250. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1320. WEATHER: 5/10 base 3000' top 4000' entire area.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 490 TR/3/21/3

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1400-1610. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 9 pontoons with spans on them of 3 sections each, each section being 50' long at R-3535. 3 fires on west end of RR bridge at R-4148. Landau M/Y 3/4 full, no activity. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1545. WEATHER: 2-10/10 at top 6000' base 3000-1000'.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.20 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 491 TR/14/21/7

A. 2 F6Cs from 1330-1530. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Lauterburg 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y W of Schifferstadt, 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y N of Schifferstadt 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Neustadt 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y Bad Durkheim almost empty. 50 B/C on siding at M-3201. M/Y Grunstadt 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y 1/4 full, NMS, at Eisenberg M-2407. Factory activity at Eisenberg. 2 M/T - 1 HDT moving E scattered between Kaiserslautern and Grunstadt. M/Y W of Kaiserslautern 1/3 full, severalfires observed, NMS. M/Y at Q-9074 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y Zweibrucken 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Landau 1/4 full, train 10 B/C STAT, S/U, facing N (Called in). ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1515. WEATHER: 4-6/10 Base 3000-3500' Top 4500-6000'. Visibility poor.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 492 TR/26/21/1

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 1315-1515. To recce in "Route #2". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OV ER AREA: 1335-1455. WEATHER: 9-10/10 top 6000', base 1500'.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rd s .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 493 PR/A-247/21/30

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1435-1635. P/R in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 10 small bomb craters N edge of Bitschhoffen (R-915288). Numerous fires N of Hagenau woods. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: 3 Vertical runs of Bitschhoffen (R-915288) at 6500', 5500' and 4500' respectively--210°, 270°, and 210° respectively--1520 hrs., 1525 hrs., and 1530 hrs respectively. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1610. WEATHER: 6-9/10 top 5000--base 2500.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 494 PR/A-246,P-105,P-128,A-248,/21/31

A. 2 F6Ds from 1430-1630. P/R in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of dump at R-381502 - 6000' - 150° - at 1515 hrs. Vertical of supplies at R-383503 - 10000' - 360° - at 1520 hrs. Vertical Strip from R-3256 to R-2656 - 10000' - 270° - at 1535 hrs. Vertical of RR Guns at R-215685 - 6000' - 280° - at 1545 hrs. Vertical of RR Guns at R-215685 - 6000' - 360° at 1550 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1505-1615. WEATHER: 5-6/10 base 2500--tops 6000, visibility 5 miles.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 495 TR/4/21/4 & PR/P-151

A. 2 F6Cs from 1600-1800. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Steam from source obscured by clouds on tracks at R-1747. 1 M/T moving NW at Q-9147. 8 scattered M/T all directions vicinity R-1138. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical for BDA from Q-9354 - R-0354 2500' - 80° - at 1645 hrs. Vertical of dump at R-1956 - 5000' - 20° - at 1700 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1745. WEATHER: 7-10/10 base 2000' top 7500', visibility 3 miles.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 496 TR/15/21/8 & PR/P-152

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1600-1800. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train, 29 cars, heading N at R-2856. M/Y Germersheim 1/3 full, NMS. Approximately 10 barrage balloons 1000' over Germersheim. Approximately 6 pontoons out from E bank of river at Speyer. RR and Hwy bridges appear serviceable at Speyer. M/Y at Ludwigshaven 1/2 full, 1 train, 20 box cars, STAT, S/U, facing N; 1 loco, S/U, STAT, in yard. 1 loco, STAT, S/U at M-4500. 1 M/T heading SW on Autobahn at M-2404. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 3/4 full, NMS; 1 large fire in yard. 1 loco, S/U, heading toward Kaiserslautern at Q-9793. RR between Landau and Pirmasens appears serviceable. M/Y Landau 3/4 full, 1 train, 20 cars, S/U, STAT, in yard. A/D at Neustadt unserv. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-1 at Ludwigshaven, I-I-1 at R-2560. PHOTOS: Vertical of supply dump at R-2669 - 5500' - 360o - at 1625 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1745. WEATHER: 6/10 base 3000--top 5500, visibility 2 mi.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 497 TR/27/21/12

A. 2 F6Cs from 1610-1810. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Lahr 1/4 full, NMS. 2 large fires S and SW Lahr. 1 M/T moving NW into Lahr. 1 train, 50 cars, moving NW into Wolfach. 1 train, 15 cars, moving E, in M/Y at Hausach, yard 1/2 full. 75 cars in M/Y at Haslach. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-1 at Wolfach. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1630-1745. WEATHER: Rhine valley open, but hazy. 9-10/10 over mountains E of Rhine from 4000-5500'.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3423 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1500A to 1750A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376., BLOCK - Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530A to 1610A. WEATHER: 3/10ths clouds in area - moderate haze. Mission successful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil

D. 2 hrs. 50 minutes.

E. nil

F. nil

G. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3424 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1445A to 1645A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed intense artillery four (4) miles Southwest of Bitche. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157., Block: Q-8849 - R-2529 - R-1716 - Q-7440. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1540A. WEATHER: 6/10ths clouds in area - extreme haze., Mission successful. (Robert G. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking Target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3425 - (34)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1445A to 1615A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157.. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage; Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515 to 1539A. WEATHER: 9/10ths clouds in target area. Mission successful. (James E. Lively, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3426 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1445A to 1645A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-2849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-2849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1520A to 1600A. WEATHER: 4/10ths to 6/10ths, clouds in area - extreme haze., Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-2849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3427 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1600A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376, block Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157, CP at Q-531645. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1520A to 1535A. WEATHER: 9/10ths clouds in target area; Mission partially successful. (Joe Merkle, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 15 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3428 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1450A to 1610A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716 - (Fly Strip on Rhine.) OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: 10/ 10ths overcast in area - no photos taken. Mission unsuccessful. (Lawton C. McGlothlin, 2nd Lt.

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. - Strip on Rhine.
(iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Target Area 10/10ths cloud covered - no photographs taken.
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 20 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3429 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E from 1450A to 1655A. To photo target: Block coverage M-1219 to M-2027 to M-2818 to M-2010, block coverage R-5494 to R-6090 to R-6080 to R-5489. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage M-1219 to M-2027 to M-2818 to M-2010. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545A to 1615A. WEATHER: 5/10ths clouds in target area - moderate haze. Mission partially successful. (Williard O. Davis, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: block coverage M-1219 to M-2027 to M-2818 to M-2010, block coverage R-5494 to R-6090 to R-6080 to R-5489. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S.34/3430 - (39)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1450A to 1650A. To photo Target: All Bridges Rhine River from Karlsruhe to Worms. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: Pilot encountered ten (10) bursts of accurate flak at Mannheim - thirty (30) bursts of accurate flak at Worms. - on completion of first strip over Mannheim pilot received flak - he returned and flew the second strip - returning to Pin Point bridges between Worms and Mannheim receiving flak the whole distance. PHOTOS: All Bridges Rhine River from Karlsruhe to Worms. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1615A. WEATHER: 6/10ths to 8/10ths clouds - extreme haze.
Mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: All Bridges Rhine River from Karlsruhe to Worms. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3431 - (40)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A. to 1605A. To photo target: RR/Bridge and M/Y at Rastatt, Drusenheim town R-159123, Bldgs R-431435, M/Y R-220710, M/Y R-710334, RR/Bridge and M/Y Offenburg, Baden R-372180, Radar site R-344005. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: RR/Bridge and M/Y at Rastatt, Drusenheim town R-159123, Block R-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to R-7440, Block R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1330A to 1500A. WEATHER: 7/10ths to 10/10ths clouds in target area. Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/Bridge and M/Y at Rastatt, Drusenheim town R-159123, Bldgs R-431435, M/Y R-220710, M/Y R-710334, RR/Bridge and M/Y Offenburg, Baden R-372180, Radar site R-344005. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hours and 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3432 - (41)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1455A to 1655A. To photo Target: Dump at Q-498833, Depot at Q-628836, M/Y at Q-685799, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, M/Y at Q-971934, Hochspeyer M/Y, Weisenbach Area, Ramstein Area, Q-869939, Rown Area, Ammo and Supplies at Q-722703, RR/Gun at R-215685, . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Depot Q-628836, M/Y Q-685799, M/Y at Q-971934, Hochspeyer M/Y - R-1295, Weisenbach Area - Q-869960, Ramstein Area - Q-869939, , Ammo and Supplies - at Q-722703, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545A to 1615A. WEATHER: 6/10ths cluds in area - moderate haze., Mission partially successful. (Allen R. Keith., Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Dump at Q-498833, Depot at Q-628836, M/Y at Q-685799, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, M/Y at Q-971934, Hochspeyer M/Y, Weisenbach Area, Ramstein Area - Q-869939, Rown Area, Ammo and Supplies at Q-722703, RR/Gun at R-215685. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army

FROM: 415 Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/21/45 [redacted]

OPREP ANo. 555 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 21 February, 1945.

A. No Aircraft airborne during the period due to weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
22 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 286.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 286 for 24 hours ending sunset 21 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Leaflet Dropping Mission from A-96 at 1102 hours, 21 February 1945, Captain Lamour leading. 5 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 10 x ZG-84 propaganda bombs were carried, 6 were dropped on 3 towns near Zwiebrucken, 4 were returned to base because squadron could not find target. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1310 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Leaflet Dropping Mission from A-96 at 1422 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. John leading. 4 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 5 x ZG-90 propaganda bombs on Forbach, 4 x ZG-90 were dropped on Spicheren. No flak encountered. Time down 1608 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1336 hours, 21 February 1945, Major Young leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1542 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0924 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 Lb bombs, 6 x M-17 bombs through an opening in the overcast, on a M/Y in the Neunkirchen area. M/Y was damaged, 4 box cars destroyed, 3 box cars damaged, 1 locomotive destroyed, 2 locomotives damaged, 1 tunnel damaged. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed, 5 box cars were strafed and damaged. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1126 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0942 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Palmer leading. 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb bombs on a M/Y at L-9329, M/Y was damaged, 2 oil cars destroyed, 20 oil cars damaged. 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a factory in the same area, entire factory was destroyed. 8 x 460 Lb M-17 were dropped on 30 plus box cars in the same area, 10 box cars were damaged. Scant, accurate, heavy flak encountered in the Trier area. Time down at A-96 1213 hours.

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A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0959 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Repp leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb bombs on Reichenback, 1 railcut was scored, 10 buildings destroyed, M/Y damaged. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed, 1 staff car damaged at an unidentified location. 8 x 500 M-76 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Ramstein, 1 building was destroyed, M/Y was damaged. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1216 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1251 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 16 x 500, 6 x M-17 bombs on a M/Y at Kaiserlautern, 20 box cars were destroyed, 20 box cars damaged, 1 building destroyed, 1 large fire resulted in M/Y. 12 x 4.5 rockets were directed at a M/Y at Q-945925, M/Y was damaged, 1 warehouse and 1 switch tower damaged. Scant, accurate, heavy flak encountered at Ludwigshaven and Kaiserlautern. Time down at A-96 1510 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1420 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 11 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb bombs on a RR bridge at Karlsruhe, two direct hits on the west approach to the bridge scored 2 rail cuts. 1 direct hit was scored on a train crossing the bridge headed East, 3 oil tank cars were destroyed and burned furiously. 8 x 460 M-17 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at R-411487, 10 box cars were destroyed, 10 damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered over R-414488. Time down at A-96 1615 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1647 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Porter leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500, 6 x 500 M-76 bombs on the Dohn M/Y, station and 8 box cars were destroyed, 7 box cars damaged, 2 railcuts, 1 road block, 1 M/Y damaged. 1 peculiar explosion occurred about 100 yds long when a single bomb hit in M/Y. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1824 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1603 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Hudson leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Ground controller directed Squadron to attack a group of buildings marked off by red smoke at Q-388666, 16 x 500, 5 x M-17 bombs and 24 rockets were expended on target, all were direct hits, 12 buildings were destroyed, 13 damaged. Ground controller was elated with the results. 1 x M-17 bomb was dropped on Saarbrucken with unobserved results. 2 x M-17 bombs were jettisoned safely in a lake at Q-3912. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-389669, Q-399664. Time down at A-96 1746 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1706 hours, 21 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb bombs on a M/Y at Q-444904, M/Y was damaged, 1 railcut scored. 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a M/Y Q-475912, M/Y was damaged, 2 buildings destroyed, 2 buildings damaged. 8 x 460 M-17 bombs were dropped on a factory at Q-451846, 1 factory destroyed, 1 large oil storage tank destroyed. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-444904, Q-475912. Time down at A-96 1840 hours.

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Leaflet Dropping

B. 1. 9
2. 9
3. thru 7. None
8. 9 sorties

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 18 hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 17,100 rds x .50 cal.
2. None

F. 1. 18 x 20 (10 x 90 - 8 x 84)
2. 14
3. 4 x 26-84 returned to base

G. H. I. None

Escort

B. 1. 16
2. 16
3. thru 7. None
8. 16 sorties

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 32 hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 30,400 rds x .50 cal.
2. None

F. G. H. I. None

Dive Bombing

B. 1. 118 x P-47D
2. 115
3. 3 - 2 landing gear failure
1 engine failure
4. thru 6. None
7. 1 CAT I, flak - 1 CAT IV, flak
8. 115 sorties

C. 1. 35 x 75 gal tanks carried
2. 27 jettisoned

D. 1. 230 hrs x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 224,200 rds x .50 cal.
2. 33,813 expended

F. 1. 124 x 500 PDX Inst.
46 x 460 M-17 incendiary clusters
14 x 500 M-76 bombs
60 x 4.5 rockets
2. 124 x 500
44 x M-17
14 x M-76
60 x 4.5 rockets
3. 2 x M-17 bombs jettisoned
4. None

G. and H. None

I. Other Claims on Ground:

37 RR cars destroyed
65 RR cars damaged
1 locomotive destroyed
2 locomotives damaged
29 buildings destroyed
17 buildings damaged
6 railcuts
1 road block
1 oil storage tank destroyed
8 M/T damaged
1 M/T destroyed
1 M/T damaged
1 staff car damaged
2 factories destroyed
1 warehouse destroyed
1 tunnel damaged
1 RR bridge damaged.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
21 February 1945

SUBJECT: Opsep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 21 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2824 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0750 down at 1025, target small M/Y between S-1517 & S-5475. T.O.T. 0920, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits in M/Y causing yellow explosion & fire 4 boxcars destroyed 4 hits S of M/Y & 4 hits E. 4 hit in M/Y. Results unobserved, 8 hits unobserved. No AA. Weather 9/10ths base 2500' all the way. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2825 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0840 down at 1040, target 40 to 50 boxcars at L-575018. T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 1000! 2 hits cut rails, 4 hits N in small town, 16 hits scattered in area no results observed due to weather. 4 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-5997, 2 hits on boxcars destroying 2, 4 hits N end of M/Y, 2 hits damaged small building in M/Y, 2 hit in M/Y & 1 hit in town E of M/Y. No AA. Weather 10/10ths base at 1000' over base 10/10ths base 2000', clear above 4000' in target area. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 460 lb Incd, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2826 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0845 down at 1055, target, town of Munsingen at X-3080. T.O.T. 0950, bomb run to 4000', 14 hits in town destroyed 8 buildings & damaged 10. 2 hits SW of town. 1 hit N of town, 2 fires burning in town after bombing. 2 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, dropped 2 x 500 & 2 x 460 lb bombs & 3 rockets armed in Pforzheim. No AA. Weather 2/10ths 2000' - 4000' at target, Strasbourg to Colmar 2/10ths - 4/10ths 2500' to 4000', Vosges Mts to base 10/10ths 2000' - 4000' with heavy haze. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 5 x 100 lb Phos, 3 rockets.

Mission 2827 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0850 down at 1050, target, small M/Y & RR tracks at Q-937766. T.O.T. 0955, bomb run to 2000', 6 direct hits on oil cars destroyed 10 cars & damaged 9, brown smoke from cars after bombing, 2 hits SW of target in small town destroyed 2 buildings, 2 hits SW of M/Y cut rails, 6 hits W of target. 2 hits SE & 2 unobserved. 6 rockets fired in area, no results observed. No AA. Weather, 2/10ths 2000' - 4000' at target, Strasbourg to Colmar 2/10ths - 4/10ths 2500' - 4000', Vosges Mts to base 10/10ths 2000' - 4000' with heavy haze. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 4 x 100 lb Phos, 6 rockets.

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Mission 2828 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1120 down at 1320, target Zweibrucken M/Y. T.O.T. 1235, bomb run to 1000', 6 hits into M/Y & near by buildings causing large explosions among cars & fires among buildings, 18 hits in M/Y among cars, well scattered, 25 cars destroyed, 30 damaged also destroyed 5 buildings & damaged 3. M/Y rails were beat up. Scant LAA W. end of M/Y. Weather, 7/10ths over target at 5000' improving. 10/10ths en route at 5000'
Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2829 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1350 down at 1540, target supply dump at R-290683. T.O.T. 1440 bomb run to 3000', 8 misses to NW, 1 hit NE, 9 hits into target. 1 warehouse & 2 buildings destroyed, 2 explosions from target followed by black smoke. 1 x 100 lb jettisoned at Q-410174. Scant LAA from target. Weather 8/10ths - 10/10ths base Sarreguemines 2500' - 3500'. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos, 4 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2830 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1355 down at 1545, target M/Y at M-0636. T.O.T. 1440, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits W end of M/Y, 6 hits just S of tank cars, 2 hits NW part of yds. 2 hits center of M/Y, 1 hit SW & 1 hit at R-0697, 1 hit in target area, 2 near misses on tank cars 3 hit S of M/Y no claims. Flight fired 7 rockets at RR station at M-158098, 1 building damaged. T.O.T. 1500, fired 10 rockets in RR station at M-258164, 1 large fire, oil smoke. No AA. Weather Bad Kreuznack area, 4/10ths from 3000' - 4000', Homburg, base 6/10ths from 3000' - 4000'. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 4 x 100 lb Phos and 17 rockets.

Mission 2831 (Bomber Escort)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on Bomber Escort mission up at 1435 down at 1705. Rendezvous over base at 10,000' at 1500 hours. Target Bad Munster M/Y at M-083353. Bombers made 2 passes, results of bombing unobserved due to smoke and dust. 4 A/C left bombers at Saverne at 1640 hours on return. 8 A/C escorted bombers to Epinal at 1650 hours. 1 E/ac observed but did not attack. Weather: no clouds, light ground haze in target area. NE of target 8/10ths - 9/10ths at 6000'; 8/10ths base 5000' on return to base.

Mission 2832 (Dive bomber mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down at 1645, target, ammo dump at Q-441797. T.O.T. 1552, bomb run to 2000', 14 hits in target area causing 3 small explosions & leaving 3 small fires with white smoke. 4 hits W of target, 6 hits E of target. No AA. Weather 3/10ths to 4/10ths at target, 6/10ths - 7/10ths 4000' - 4800' from base to Hagenau. 10/10ths base E of Rhine, 6/10ths 4000' Neustadt - Homburg. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 460 lb Incd.

Mission 2833 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1625 down at 1805, target barracks at R-316418. T.O.T. 1725, bomb run to 2000', 6 hits NW, 10 hits in target area, 1 hit in town of Lauterbourg & 1 hit N of town. 2 rockets fired into target, 4 unobserved, no results observed due to haze. Small arms fire from target. Weather: Wissembourg - Saarbourg 5/10ths 3000' to 5000', haze. Saarbourg to base 3/10ths 3000' to 5000' very hazy. 1 x 100 jettisoned safe at Q-153100. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 2 x 100 lb Phos, 6 rockets.

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Mission 2834 (Armed recce)

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1640 down at 1810, target, M/Y E of Kaiserlautern at R-124940. T.O.T. 1755, bomb run to 2500', 13 hits in M/Y, 1 hit N of yds. Fired 10 rockets into M/Y. 10 boxcars destroyed, 10 damaged, 7 small fires started, 2 rockets destroyed 1 loco, all A/C strafed in dive, 2 x 500 & 1 x 100 dropped at R-340560 due to engine trouble. Intense LAA at target. Weather 5/10ths - 8/10ths 2500' - 3000' recce area to base hazy. Bombes exp: 8 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 460 lb Incd, 3 x 100 lb Phos. 10 rockets.

Mission 2835 (Dive bomber mission)

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1720 down at 1835, target, Tank Repair Depot at R-429324. T.O.T. 1745, bomb run to 1000', 16 hits SW of target. Heavy overcast & clouds prevented setting up good bomb run. No AA. Weather, 10/10ths 5000' at target, heavy haze on ground, 7/10ths to 8/10ths en route at 4500'. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 460 lb Incd.

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	12
	(ii)	12
	(viii)	12
Note 5 D	(i)	30:00
Note 6 E	(i)	24,000

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	39
	(ii)	39
	(viii)	39
C	(i)	2 75 gal.
	(ii)	2 75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	64:25
Note 6 E	(i)	78,000
	(ii)	2,535
Note 7 F	(i)	56 x 500 lb GP 16 x 460 lb Incd. 6 x 100 lb Phos. 12 Rockets
	(ii)	56 x 500 lb GP 16 x 460 lb Incd. 4 x 100 lb Phos. 12 Rockets
	(iii)	2 x 100 lb Phos.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS FOR 21 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	67	
	(ii)	65	
	(iii)c.	2	
	(viii)	67	
C	(i)	2	75 gal.
	(ii)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	137:40	
Note 6 E	(i)	134,000	
	(ii)	6,080	
Note 7 F	(i)	100 x 500 lb GP	
		34 x 460 lb Incd.	
		26 x 100 lb Phos.	
		39 Rockets	
	(ii)	98 x 500 lb Gp	
		34 x 460 lb Incd.	
		25 x 100 lb Phos.	
		36 Rockets	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		1 x 100 lb Phos.	
		(Returned 3 rockets to base)	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
Loco	1	
RR cars	51	49
Ammo dumps		1
Supply dumps		1
Buildings	18	15
RR cuts, complete	2	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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23 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 228. For the period ending Sunset 21 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Escort of medium bombers.

a. A.O.15 16 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1304 hours to escort medium bombers attacking Bad Munster RR bridge. Route flown was base to Luneville to Sarrebourg to Bingen to Neiderbronn to Grunstadt to Alzey to target, and retrace. Time with bombers, 1405-1545 hours. Baggage changed Squadron call sign, but A/V was effected at Luneville at 12,000 feet, 1405 hours. Bombers had a good concentration on bridge, but no other results were observed. One of our flights left the bombers at the target and returned to base, low on gas. The other three flights left the bombers at Luneville, 12,000 feet, 1545 hours. No flak. No A/A encountered. No losses. Weather: over target, 3/10 - 5/10ths, 5000 - 6000 feet; visibility, 4 miles. Down at base, 1600 hours.

16 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1349 hours on escort to medium bombers. 1 A/C carried 1 x 500# GP bomb. Route flown was base to Luneville to Saverne to Wilgardwersen to Battenberg to Bad Munster RR bridge (target), and retrace. Time with bombers, 1430 - 1550 hours. No hits observed on RR by bombers. 1 P-47 dropped 1 x 500# GP on 10 box cars at M-1802, which were also strafed -- results not observed, and no claims made. Observations along route: A/F at Alzey appeared inactive; A/F at M-3317 appeared full; a large pile of boxes observed at M-0166. Flak: scant light at M-1802. No A/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 7/10ths 3000 - 5000 feet, with haze below; visibility above unlimited. Down at base, 1610 hours.

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B. (i) 32 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 1 A/C dropped bomb on 10 box cars at M-1802, also strafed.
32 A/C completed mission, escorting medium bombers attacking Bad Munster RR bridge.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 32

C. (i) 3 - 75 Gallon type belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 87:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 76,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 160 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 1 - 500# GP bomb, tail fused M113.
(ii) 1 - 500# GP bomb dropped on 10 box cars at M-1802.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 16,17,18,19,20,21 and 23. Close cooperation and to perform armed recce.

A. A.O.16. 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0745 hours on close cooperation and armed recce of Area No.2. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarebourg to Saareguemines to Neunkirchen to St.Wendell to base. Time in target area, 0910 - 0920 hours. Pelican had a target of road blocks, but 10/10ths cloud in area prevented attack. All bombs were dropped on RR bridge at 4-587922; no hits were made, but the R was cut on the south approach; the road just north of the bridge was also cut. 6 bombs failed to go off. Strafing attacks elsewhere, with claims, included: 2 M/Ts and 1 H/D vehicle moving at 4-6395 — All destroyed; 2 M/Ts and 1 H/D vehicle moving north at 4-534952 — all destroyed. Observations along route: 120 freight cars in St.Wendell M/Y, all of which appeared damaged from previous attacks. Flak: intense light at Neunkirchen, No E/A encountered. Losses: 1 P-47, category 1 (bomb blast). Weather: 10/10ths, 3500-4500 feet. Down at base, 1007 hours.

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A.O.17. 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0800 hours on close cooperation and armed recce of Area No.1. Squadron carried 34 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Sarrebourg to Neunkirchen to Zweibrucken to Landau to Schwabisch Hall to Goppingen to Strasbourg to W-0270 to base. In target area, 0830 - 0945 hours. No observations were made along recce due to completed overcast; baggage sent Squadron east. 23 bombs were dropped on town of Bonnenweir (W-0270), with 22 hits in town; 1 bomb hung up and fell north of target; town was also strafed -- 14 bldgs destroyed, 6 bldgs damaged, and fires started. 11 bombs were dropped on town of Wittenweir (W-015700), with no misses; town was also strafed; 1 large explosion shot smoke up to 500 feet; and 2 large fires were started -- 8 buildings destroyed and 4 buildings damaged. Flak: scant light at W-0270. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 10/10ths, except for hole in target area, 1500 - 5000 feet; visibility below 1 - 3 miles, above unlimited. Down at base, 1030 hours.

A.O.18 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0820 hours on close cooperation and armed recce. 9 A/C carried 3 x 500# GPs each, and 3 A/C carried 2 x 500# GP bombs each. Route flown was base to vicinity of Stuttgart to base. In target area, 0845 - 1003 hours. Pelican told Squadron he had no target. Squadron dropped all bombs on M/Y in vicinity of Stuttgart, which contained 75 cars and 1 stationary loco with steam up; 3 direct hits, 3 misses, and other bombs not observed -- 1 M/Y damaged, 1 building destroyed. Observations along route: 3 M/Ts, moving east, in vicinity of Offenburg; a long line of wooden cases 1/4 mile southeast from the M/Y attacked. Flak: intense light from town at target. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 10/10ths, 2,000 feet; 8/10ths from 2,000 feet to deck; visibility 1 mile. Down at base, 1035 hours.

A.O.19 11 P-47s of 358th Fighter Group (4 from 365 Sqdn, 4 from 366 Sqdn, and 3 from 367 Sqdn) dispatched at 0950 hours on close cooperation to Pelican and armed recce of Area No.1. Squadron carried 30 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarebourg to target (W-573718) to Neunkirchen to base. In target area, 1020 - 1105 hours. All bombs were dropped on target, Tactical Warfare School at town at W-573718, and area was thoroughly strafed; 22 bombs fell in town, and 2 fell on nearby road at W-578712 -- 8 buildings destroyed, a number of others damaged, and a road blocked at W-578712. Strafing attacks elsewhere, with claims, included: 20 box cars at W-605718 -- 10 cars damaged; 20 box cars at W-653710 -- 3 cars damaged; 5 box cars at W-6376 -- 1 car damaged; 2 M/Ts at W-5573, moving north -- both damaged; 1 M/T at W-6376, facing east -- damaged; 1 M/T at W-5767, headed south -- destroyed; 1 H/D vehicle at W-6468, facing south -- destroyed; and a town at W-6070 -- results not observed. Observations along route: 1 loco (steam not up) and 20 box cars at W-650715, facing north, Flak: scant light at W-6571; scant heavy at W-5767. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 6/10ths 2000 - 4000 feet; visibility above unlimited, below 2 miles. Down at base, 1147 hours.

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A.O.20 16 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1445 hours on close cooperation and armed recce. Sqd carried 39 x 500# GPs and 8 x 460 lb Incenciaries. Route flown was base to Sarrebourg to Hagenau to Biche to Sarreguemines to Forbach to base. In target area, 1545 - 1640 hours. Pelican Uncle vectored one section of Sqdn to a town at ✠-3374 (Hostenbach), marked with white smoke. Town was said to contain light flak positions and M/T. 23 x 500# GPs were dropped on town, and four strafing passes were made -- 8 buildings destroyed, 20 buildings damaged, and 2 other bldgs set on fire by strafing. A light flak position at ✠-3475 was damaged by strafing. Baggage turned the other section of Squadron over to Brutus Brown, who led them to gas and oil stroage tanks and ammo dumps at ✠-600820. 16 x 500# GPs and 8 x 460# Incendiaries were dropped on target, with hits by 8 GPs and all incendiaries -- 1 large storage tank and 2 small storage tanks destroyed, 1 oil plant building destroyed (3 direct hits, left burning), 1 ammo dump across road from oil dump hit and destroyed (one large explosion observed after bombing, with tracers seen going in all directions). Observations along route included: Neunkirchen M/Y full of burned out cars, with no activity; 10 M/T with cerise and yellow at ✠-325735, going east and west; possible parachute going down into town of Forbach at 1555 hours. Flak: scant heavy at ✠-335755 (one burst). No e/a encountered. 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1. Weather: haze to 8000 feet; visibility down sun 4 - 5 miles; visibility up sun, nil. Down at base, 1715 hours.

A.O.21 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1125 hours on close cooperation to Pelican and armed recce of Area No.1. Squadron carried 33 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarebourg to Neunkirchen to Mannheim to base. In target area, 1150-1325 hours. Pelican advised he had no targets, due to weather. 6 bombs were dropped on M/T shop at ✠-628836; 5 hits in previously damaged building -- building now destroyed. 1 of the bombs hung up and fell north of the target. 2 M/Ts in the yard at same point were damaged by strafing. 5 bombs were dropped on M/Y at Mannheim (✠-505975); all bombs hit in M/Y, but no further observations was made -- 1 M/Y damaged. 22 bombs were dropped on a second M/Y at Mannheim (✠-5807), which contained 300 - 400 cars, 4 locos with steam up, and 1 train headed southeast; 6 hits were scored in south end of M/Y (started a fire), 5 hits in center of yard among cars, 6 hits in north end of yard, and 5 bombs were misses -- 10 cars destroyed and 1 M/Y damaged by bombing; 55 cars and 1 loco destroyed and 1 loco damaged by strafing. No observations along route. Flak: moderate heavy and intense light at Mannheim. No E/A encountered. 1 P-47 damaged, category 1 (flak). Weather: 5/10 - 7/10ths, 3500 - 5000 feet; visibility good. Down at base, 1400 hours.

A.O.23 15 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1709 hours on close cooperation and armed recce of Area No.1. 14 A/C carried 2 x 500 lb GPs each, and 1 A/C carried 3 x 500# GPs. Course flown was base to Sarrebourg to ✠-5771 to base. In target area, 1740 - 1815 hours. Pelican had no target, so Squadron proceeded to alternate

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target, Tactical Warfare School at ↳-5771. All bombs were dropped on town of Wurzburg (↳-5771), with 20 hits in town. Poor visibility restricted observations of results. Observed along route was one train at St. Ingbert, headed south. Flak: scant light at ↳-5771. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 8/10ths, 4,000 feet, with haze from deck to 7,000 feet; visibility less than 1 miles. Down at base, 1835 hours.

B. (i) 90 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at ↳-587922,
Strafing attacks elsewhere, included:-
2 M/Ts and 1 H/D vechicle moving west at ↳-6395.
2 M/Ts and 1 H/D vehicle moving north at ↳-534952.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Town of Bonnenweir, M-0279.
Town of Wittenwier, M-015700.
Also strafed both towns.
12 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y in vicinity of Stuttgart.
11 A/C dropped bombs on target, Tactical Warfare School at town of ↳-573718.and area was thoroughly strafed.
Strafing attacks elswhere;-
20 box cars at ↳-605718.
20 box cars at ↳-653710.
5 box cars at ↳-6376.
2 M/Ts at ↳-5573.
1 M/T at ↳-6376.
1 M/T at ↳-5767.
1 H/D vehicle at ↳-6468.
Town at ↳-6070.
16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Town at ↳-3374 (Hostenbach). And strafed same.
Gas, and oil storage tanks and ammo dumps at ↳-600820.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/T shop at ↳-628836. Also strafed 2 M/Ts at same point.
M/Y at Mannheim (M-505975). Also strafed same.
15 A/C dropped bombs on town of Wurzburg, ↳-5771.
90 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47s damaged; 2 by flak, cat. 1.; 1 a/c bomb blast, cat, 1.
(viii) 90

C. (i) 15 - 75 gal. belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) 4 - 75 gal. belly tanks jettisoned.

D. (i) 210:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 216,000rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 42,320 rds.(50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 236 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail M113; (nose on 36 GPs were fused M103).
8 - 460# Incendiary bombs, fused nose, M127.

(ii) 236 - 500# GPs and 8 - 460# Incendiaries expended as follows:-
36 GPs on RR bridge at Q-587922.
23 GPs on town of Monneweir M-0270.
11 GPs on town of Wittenweir, M-015700.
33 GPs on M/Y in vicinity of Stuttgart.
30 GPs on Tactical Warfare School at Q-573718.
23 GPs on town of Hostenbach, at Q-3374.
16 GPs and 8 Incendiary bombs on gas and oil storage tanks and ammo dumps at Q-600820.
6 GPs on M/T shop at Q-628836.
5 GPs on M/Y at Mannheim R-505975.
22 GPs on a second M/Y at Mannheim R-5897
31 GPs on town of Wurzburg Q-5771.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 3

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 69

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 38
c) Damaged, 30

10. Roads cut, 2

11. Railroads cut, 1

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 3

14. M/Y, attacked,
c) Damaged, 2

7. Dumps,
a) Destroyed, 4

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4.(3). Operation No.: A.O. 22 To Bomb Q-929713 and conduct armed recce.

A. A.O.22 12 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 1643 hours to bomb Q-929713 and conduct armed recce of Kaiserslautern - Neustadt - Seltz area. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Barrebourg to Barreguemines to target (Q-7061) to base. In target area, 1745 - 1750 hours. Pelican Dog directed squadron to a supply and ammo dump at Q-7061, which was a U-shaped bldg. 35 bombs were dropped on target, with no hits and 6 near misses - no claims. 1 bomb hung up and was dropped safe in an open field 10 miles south of Barreguemenes. No observations along route. Flak: intense inaccurate light at Q-7061. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: 3/10 - 5/10ths, 5000 - 5500 feet; visibility down sun 5 miles, up sun 2 miles. Down at base, 1815 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on target, supply and ammo dump at Q-7061. 12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 18:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 2,915 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36 - 500# GP bombs, fused -nose, M103; tail M101A2.
(ii) 35 - 500# GP bombs expended on target, a supply and ammo dump at Q-7061.
(iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb dropped safe in an open field 10 miles south of Barreguemines (bomb hung up over target).
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 572

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1349 Time Down 24-1715/1730 Total Hours 101:50

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 8-10 P47's.

3. Weather: 3-4/10 CU - TOPS 7-8,000' - BASES AT 5,000' - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES IN HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	AIR SPARE
1 - B26	ENG(R/ GENERATOR WENT OUT ON TAKE-OFF).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
6 - B26	RACK MALFUNCTION IN LEAD A/C OF 4TH FLIGHT.

5. Target: (1) BAD MUNSTER RR BRIDGE (W/M-083351), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	RR BRIDGE-W/M-083351, GSGS 4416, SHEET T-2-CENTER	KIRCKEN-HOLANDAN, GERMANY.	1608	18	13,000'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN. - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 330 degrees with left breakaway. - Moderate evasive action.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 201 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 60 SEC. (2) - - (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 8?%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "The target received the concentrations of the bombs of all three flight's. From the first two flight's bombs the old structure of the bridge received at least three hits but only slight damage resulted; after photos show the bridge still intact. The northeast approach however; was hit by these bombs and the serviceable track blown out; only minor repairs consisting of slight re-surfacing and the re-laying of tracks will be necessary to restore this approach to serviceability. The bombs of the last flight cut across the so uthwest end of the bridge. There was at least one probable hit on this temporary section of the bridge. No statement is possible regarding the final condition of the structure. This flight also scored hits across the Bad Munster M/Y, located immediately southwest of the bridge; a probable temporary rail block(in addition to the block effected by the 320th Bomb Group) resulted at this point.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X MD	200	144	--	--	--	NONE	40(RACJ MAL.) 8(SPARE) 8(ENG)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	8	ENGINE CUTTING OUT	3 MILES NW OF EPPELSHEIM, GERMANY.

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	33,975	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	-----	-----	----------

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	-------

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ----------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 34 - 37

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 571

1. No. Off 25 - B26 Time Up 1319 Time Down 24-1620/1700 Total Hours 97:50

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 8-10 P47's.

3. Weather: 3-4/10 Cu - TOPS 7-8,000' - BASES AT 5,000' - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES IN HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	AIR SPARE

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
6 - B26	FLIGHT LEADER UNABLE TO PICK UP TARGET.

5. Target: (1) BAD MUNSTER RR BRIDGE (W/M 083351) GERMANY (2) MARSHALLING YARD AND BRIDGE (W/M 077343) GERMANY

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED A/Y & BRIDGE-W/M-~~083351~~		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(2)	077343, GSGS 4416, SHEET T-2-CENTER	KIRCKEN-BOLANDAN, GERMANY.	1517	18	12,000'.
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE. - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 340 degrees with sharp left breakaway. - Gentle evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 204

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	60 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "The bombs started short and walked into the southeast edge of the yard. Off this edge of the yard a road bridge received probable hits. In the yard itself, of 165 units of rolling stock there and south of the yard, an estimated 15 units were destroyed or damaged by at least 10 hits in the target. Through lines were not affected."

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X ND	200	- -	144	- -	- -	NONE	48(UNABLE TO PICK UP TARGET) 8(SPARE)

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	36,290	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

One (1) A/C (B26G5-43-34239) reported on MISSION REPORT #570, dated 23 FEB. 1945, which landed at LYON-BROM A/D transferred to Service Squadron at LYON-BROM A/D, as salvage.

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 495

1. No. Off 19 B-26's Time Up 12:42 Time Down 16:07 Total Hours 64:25
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 4/10ths Strato cumulus tops 5-6,000 feet
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Engine

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) BAD MUNSTER, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad bridge (M) A-083351	Alzey A-2728	14:47 15:05	9 9	11,500 11,200
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 2 Squadrons of 9 A/C each. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs Dropped off of No One man each Squadron. Axid of Attack - First run 302°T. Second 105°T. Withdrawal - Brike Left. Evasive Action * Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 45

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs of the second squadron hit the bridge scoring direct hits. Bombs of the second squadron fell short.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1/10 sec delayfuse	152	139				None	3

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	10	5 early returns engine 5 hung up	5 miles East of base (W) 0-1967 In target area.

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	60,500	"on

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 494

1. No. Off 3 B-26 Time Up 12:40 Time Down 16:07 Total Hours 10:22
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-27's
3. Weather: 4/10ths Stratocumulus tops 5-6,000
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
None		None	

5. Target: (1) BAD MUNSTER, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	M/Y	Alzey	14:32	3 B-26's	12,000
(2)	(W) M-081349	M-2728			
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3 A/C . Bomb Run - Same as in route. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of Lead A/C. Axis of Attack - 302°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area Unknown 40 seconds.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Incendiary bombs hit M/Y but 500#GP fell short.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
100#W/P	Inst. nose	40	40				None	None
500#GP	.1&Non delay fuse	8	8				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	10,200	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Squadrons 442nd 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 493

1. No. Off 30 B-26's Time Up 12:10 Time Down 16:23 Total Hours 115:00
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 4/10 THs Stratocumulus, tops 5-6000
4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
3 B-26's	Spares	9 B-26's	Bomb sight malfunction in lead A/C of 3rd Sq.

5. Target: (1) Bad Kunster, Germany. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad Bridge (N)M-033351	Alzey M-2728	15:10	18	11,600
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- 3 Squadrons of 9 A/C each. Bomb run- Bombed in compressed formation. Bombing procedure- All bombs dropped off lead A/C in each squadron. Axis of attack- 295°T. Evasive action- Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 2 Minutes

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 10

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- Bombs hit in the target area, falling on west of river with possible hits on west end of the bridge.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 & non delay tail fuse.	240	144					96

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	86,225	130

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group (II) 320th. Squadrons 442nd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 21 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 492

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 12:08 Time Down 16:23 Total Hours 13:35
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 4/10 Tcu Strato cumulus tops 5-6000
4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) Bad Munster, Germany (2) (3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Marshalling Yard (G)K-081349	Alzey M-2728	14:46	3	12,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- One squadron of 3 A/C. Bomb run- Same as in route. Bombing procedure- All bombs dropped off of lead A/C. Axis of attack-295°T. Withdrawal- Broke left. Evasive action- Los s of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
60 Seconds			

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area ~~30~~ 40

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- Bombs struck assigned area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
100# M/F	Inst. nose fuse.	60	60				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	11,100	None

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep A No 128 for 24 hrs ending sunset 21 February 1945. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3806, TR/20/21/19

A. 2 F 6's from 07:30 to 09:40 to recce Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Freudenstadt. OBSNS: No observations due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 07:45 to 09:20. WEATHER: 10/10 entire area. Top at 809000', no holes.
B. (i) 2 F 6's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3807, TR/16/21/23

A. 1 F 6C from 07:30 to 09:00 & 1 F 6C from 07:30 to 10:00 to recce Wissembourg, Landau, Stuttgart, Strassburg. OBSNS: 1 train 30 plus flatcars, some loaded w/MTs stat facing S with SU at R-2855 at 08:00. Lost weaver because of poor radio contact and joined up with leader of TR/5/21/15 and acted as weaver. Weaver returned to base. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. TOA: 07:55 to 09:45. WEATHER: 10/10 3-4000' with a few breaks. Stuttgart area 9/10 3-4000' and heavy ground fog.
B. (i) 2 ~~strxxkxxx~~ F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3808, TR/5/21/15

A. 1 F 6C from 07:30 to 09:05 & 1 F 6C from 07:30 to 10:05 to recce Saarbrucken, Wissembourg, Karlsruhe, S-7050, OBSNS: NMS area Saarbrucken, St. Wendell, Pirmasens, Bitche due to weather. 1 train 40 boxcars mvg N at R-3162. 3 locos SU facing S 2 facing N and 40 flatcars loaded w/MTs camouflaged on siding in M/Y at R-2855; called to controller. Led Spirtle flight to target but clouds too low for bombing or straffing. Flew with Spurtle flight to vicinity of S-7050 but NMS due to weather. Weaver returned to base due to engine trouble. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense, accurate flak and small arms fire at R-2855. PHOTOS: Nil. TOA: 07:50 to 09:45. WEATHER: 10/10 from 3500-4000' in area B. 10/10 3-4000 Pirmasens to Rhine to Wissembourg. 10/10 3-5000' Karlsruhe area.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3809, TR/17/21/24

A. 2 F 6 C's from 10:15 to 11:45 to recce Karlsruhe, Saarbrucken, OBSNS: None due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 10:30 to 11:30. WEATHER: 10/10 3-5000' over battle area with a few breaks.
B. (i) 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3810, TR/21/21/20

A. 2 F 6 C's from 10:30 to 12:00 to recce Stuttgart. OBSNS: None due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 10:45 to 11:45. WEATHER: 10/10 3-5000' over battle area.
B. (i) 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3811 TR/6/21/16

A. 2 F 6's from 10:15 to 12:30 to recce Homburg, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens, Saarbrucken, Q-3385, L-3904, St. Wendell, Neunkirchen.
OBSNS: M/Y at Homburg approx 1/4 filled, no activity obs. 60-75 boxcars in M/Y at Q-6779. NMS: Homburg to Zweibrucken; Zweibrucken to Q-9074; Q-9074 to Pirmasens, Saarbrucken due to weather. Thru break in clouds saw ~~xxxxxti~~ Saarbrucken but no activity observed. NMS Saarbrucken to Q-3385 due to weather. 100 boxcars in M/Y at Q-3695. NMS Q-3385 - L-3904 partly due to weather. M/Y at St. Wendel 1/3 filled with boxcars. NMS St. Wendell to Neunkirchen due to weather. 2 MTs mvg S at Q-5880. 1 loco obs thru break in clouds mvg SW at Q-5475. 1 large van mvg SE at Q-5873. 2 MTs mvg SW at Q-5374. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Verticals of M/Y & RR Q-6678 to Q-7282; M/Yeat Homburg, St. Wendell & Q-3695. R/O: Good. WEATHER: 8/10 from 3 to 4000' in area. TOA: 10:30 to 12:15.
B. (i) 2 F 6's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. ~~Nil.~~ H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3812 TR/7/21/17

A. 2 F 6's from 13:15 to 15:15 to recce Saarbrucken, Wissembourg, Karlsruhe.
OBSNS: 50 plus MTs, mostly mvg N, at 14:00 hrs in Saarbrucken and on roads N of Saarbrucken; called Controller; F/Bs bombed MTs. 3 MTs with long trailers, not guns, mvg S into Saarbrucken. NMS vicinity of Q-7830. 3 factories in operation, smoke coming from stacks, on NE outskirts of Saarbrucken. 10 MTs scattered, mostly mvg N, from Saarbrucken to St. Ingbert. Request: Pelican flight checked roads S and E of Saarbrucken. 4 MTs mvg both ways Saarbrucken to Q-4862. At 14:45 hrs 4 MTs mvg E into Saarbrucken. 8 MTs scattered mvg NE from St. Ingbert to Kaiserlautern. 1 train, no of cars unobs, S/U facing E in Kaiserlautern M/Y. 1 train 10 cars, type unobs, mvg W at Q-9895. Observed F/Bs attacked train mvg E from Kaiserlautern. NMS Kaiserlautern to L-9017. 5 MTs, 3 mvg N and 2 S scattered from L-8010 to Neunkirchen. No activity observed in vicinity of Neunkirchen. Upon request, Pelican checked wooded area S of Saarbrucken for tanks but none observed while flying as low as 2000'. Area Homburg, Pirmasens, Bitche, Saarbrucken not covered.
E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, inaccurate at Kaiserlautern. PHOTOS: Nil.
R/O: Good. TOA: 13:30 to 15:00. WEATHER: 3/10 at 3-5000', Vis 1 mi below clouds
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3813, TR/22/21/21

A. 2 F 60's from 13:15 to 15:15 to recce Freudenstadt, Stuttgart, Pforzheim,
OBSNS: 1 loco & 40 cars, 15 were flat cars loaded with lumber and the restboxcars, mvg S at W-7787. 1 train of 60 boxcars, 20 flatcars loaded with lumber and material and loco on each mvg S at W-7188. 1 train and 20 plus boxcars mvg W at R-8721. Pforzheim overcast and unobs. 1 train of 20 boxcars and 10 flat cars latter loaded with lumber, mvg S at R-7312. 1 MT mvg N at W-7596. 1 loco S/U at W-7292. 1 large van mvg E at W-6288. 6 MTs mvg S/W at R-2600. 1 MT mvg SE at R-1505. NMS Malmsheim A/D. 1 JU 88 on Heilfengen A/D W-8594, appeared to be destroyed. NMS Boblingen A/D. NMS Echterdengen A/D.
E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense accurate & ~~light~~ heavy, scant accurate at W-5686. Light, intense, inaccurate at Malmsheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/O: Good.
TOA: 13:30 to 15:00. WEATHER: 9/10 at 4500' & 3/10 at 3000' E of Rhine R to Stuttgart.
B. (i) 2 F 6's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3814, TR/19/21/25

A. 2 F 60's from 13:30 to 16:15 to recce Haguenau, Germersheim, Karlsruhe.
OBSNS: 20 to 25 burned out tanks which appear to have been dragged out on open field on both sides of RR tracks at R-1734. 1 train of 30 boxcars stat at R-3354, facing W. 2 MTs mvg NE out of Nissembourg. 1 train of 25 boxcars, no loco, at R-4048. F/B's hit Maximillianson bridge at R-4248, no direct hits obs. Hits on west approach and hits in M/Y at R-3950 which started oil fires, probably from tank cars in M/Y. 1 large camouflaged MT mvg NE at R-2433, 1 HDV towing

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gun garriage, mvg NE at R-2333. 3 HDVs and 2 MTs mvg E from Hatten R-1834. 10 ambulances parkæd around hospital in town R-4058. 1 train of 15 plus box-cars and 10 gondolas (empty) stat\ no S/U facing N at R-3955. 1 MT mvg NE out of town at R-4058. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, scant, inaccurate at R-1334 & R-2855. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 13:45 to 16:00. WEATHER: 10/10 at 4&6000' E of Rhine R above Karlsruhe. 8/10 at 4000' in Rhine Valley.

B. (i) 2 F 6's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3815, TR/11/21/27 (P-146 & 154, Sortie 212)

A. 2 F 6 C's from 14:45 to 17:15 to recce & photo Homburg, Bad Kreuznach, St. Wendel, Neunkirchen. OBSNS: 2 MTs W scatt Homburg-Kaiserlautern. 2 bldgs just N of the RR lind at Landstuhl marked POW in large letters on topnof ea bldg; letters were in white / W Kaiserlautern M/Y 2/3 filled; S kaiserlautern M/Y 1/2 filled. 2 MTs SW into Kaiserlautern. Bridge at M-083351 appears damaged. 1 MT SW from Bad Kreuznach. 100 plus boxcars Kirn M/Y (L-8032) 1 large MT with large trailer mvg SW (L-7525) Probable military camp at Oberstein (L-7123) W of town on hill. NMS Oberstein- Neunkurchen. 1 train 10 boxcars mvg W in Neunkirchen M/Y. 1 long bus E into Homburg. Q-3381 one large oil storage tank one medium and three small tanks; call F/Bs on tanks. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Verticals of Q-722703 ammo dump, M-083351 Bldg, L-7023 Camp. R/C: Good. TOA: 15:05 to 17:00. WEATHER: 3-4/10 4-5500' at Saarbasin, Vis 1-2 mi, Hazy.

B. (i) 2 F 60's (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) 260. (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3816, TR/19/21/26

A. 2 F 6's from 16:00 to 18:00 to recce Karlsruhe, Bruchsal, Heidelburg, R-6977. OBSNS: 2 trains 20 plus cars ea (type U/C) mvg W into Karlsruhe. 3 locos SU Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train 40 plus flatcars loaded with material mvg N through Bruchsal. 1 train E 20 plus cars (type U/C) into Bruchsal and 1 train W/20 plus cars (type UC) out of Bruchsal. 1 loco S in Schwetzingen M/Y. 1 train 15 plus boxcars NW out of Heidelbert. 1 loco W in Heidelberg M/Y. 1 train 25 plus cars (type UC) NE into Weinheim. 1 train 10 plus boxcars E at R-6977. Heidelberg M/Y about ½ full. 50 plus boxcars Schwetzingen M/Y. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:15 to 17:45. WEATHER: 9-10/10 5-6000', Heavy haze. Area E of Rhine Valley 10/10 and U/O.

B. 2 F 6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3817, TR/23/21/22 (P-87, Sortie 214).

A. 2 F 6's from 16:00 to 18:10 to recce and photo Strassburg, Freudenstadt, Stuttgart, Pforzheim, Karlsruhe, Rastatt. OBSNS: NMS Kehl - Freudenstadt due weather. 1 loco mvg W into Freudenstadt. NMS Freudenstadt - Stuttgart, Pforzheim - Karlsruhe due to weather. 1 train 30 plus cars (tupe UC) mvg SW at R-4944. 1 MT mvg N into Rastatt. 1 MT, white color, mvg S at R-3424. 1 train 20 plus cars (tupe CB) mvg N at R-2912.
E/A: Yes, see note H. E/F: Light, scant, inaccurate at R-2110. PHOTOS: yes, R-344005 radar site. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:20 to 17:50. WEATHER: 10/10 3-4500' w/few breaks area Karlsruhe, R-2693 & E. Area Karlsruhe - Offenburg to Rhine: CAVU excent hvy groundhaze.

B. (i) 2 F 6's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (ii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. 8 FW 190's at 8000' flying W at R-2110 jumped flight from below. Leader called out E/A and broke left. 1 FW 190 fired on leader as he broke but was out of range and inaccurate. 7 of the E/As then dove for the deck in a northern dir with 1 E/A climbing above & then dove towards deck in dir of W. Flight then returned to base. No rounds were fired by mission.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3818 TR/8/21/18 (P-146 Sortie 213)

A. 2 F 60's from 16:15 to 18:15 to recce & photo Saarbrucken, Q-4090, Neunkirchen, Pirmasens, Bitche. OBSNS: NMS Saarbrucken - Saarlautern - ~~X-333788x~~ Q-4090. Q-335789 4 half tracks stat dir UO. NMS Neunkirchen - Zweibrucken - Q-9073. 1 loco SU Q-9073 and yards 3/4 filled. 2 MTs NW out of Pirmasens. 1 MT S into Pirmasens. NMS Pirmasens - Bitche - Saarbrucken on main or secondary roads. Zweibrucken M/Y 1/3 filled, no activity. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical Q-722703. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Hazy, broken clouds at 3-5000'.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.
TOA: 16:30 to 18:00

NOTE: Due to a serial numbering error on 16 February, 1945, this last above OPERATIONS NO should read 3817 vs 3818.

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SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. Att: (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPREP A No. 1 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 February 1945.
Operations Orders No. 60 and 61, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. 16 a/c off at 1500 hours on a fighter sweep of the Strassburg area. Mission uneventful. Marshalling yards at Karlsruhe in flames, also smoke and flames seen in yards at Kaiserslautern. No flak or E/A. All planes landed at 1715. Weather CAVU.

A. 16 a/c off, 12 at 1530, 4 at 1545 on fighter sweep of Strassburg area. Train strafed by 4 a/c at R-4890 with no results observed. Intense accurate flak (20mm) at Mannheim. All planes landed at 1820. Weather CAVU.

B. 1. 32 P-47Ds.
2 thru 7 - Nil.
8. 32 sorties.

C.1.32 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. None.

D. 1. 80 hours 20 minutes.

E. 1. ~~XX~~ 112,000 x .50 cal.
2. 1160 x .50 cal.
3. Nil.

F. 1 thru 4 - Nil

G. None

H. 1 thru 3 - Nil.

I. Nil.

For the Group Commander:

IRA E. OVER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SS)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
23 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 287.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 287 for 24 hours ending sunset 22 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18
21, 23, XII Fighter Command.

a. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0919 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Ceiling leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a town at R-365190, several fires were started. 16 x 500 lb. and 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a factory and storage depot at R-531427, 3 buildings were destroyed, 3 damaged. 1 large explosions resulted which belched smoke to a height of 8,000 feet. Heavy, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-531427. Time down at A-96, 1059 hours.

b. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0930 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Davidge leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron expended 16 x 500 lb., 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs and 24 x 4.5 rockets on a railroad siding at Q-778869. 15 box cars were destroyed, 6 box cars damaged, 6 railcuts were scored. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1110 hours.

c. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 0939 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Palmer leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on an overpass at Q-7590, 3 railcuts were scored. 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on a lumber yard at Q-7590 damaging the lumber yard. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1135 hours.

d. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1158 hours, 22 February 1945, Capt. Hare leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped along a railroad at R-823830, R-858852, R-875860, 1 railcut was scored at each of the above co-ordinates. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at R-770872. 2 direct hits destroyed 1 rail shed and damaged the M/Y. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1350 hours.

e. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1224 hours, 22 February 1945, Capt. Merrick leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a group of box cars and flat cars, flat cars were loaded with A-T's. 1 locomotive was destroyed, 35 BX cars were destroyed, 20 M-T's were destroyed, 3 flak positions were destroyed, 15 BX cars damaged, 3 railcuts. 1 Ju-88 was damaged on the ground. No flak was encountered, time down at A-96, 1412 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1210 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs at N-896765 with unobserved results. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1312.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1234 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Adkins leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500 lb. bombs at N-490716, 1 railcut was scored, 8 box cars destroyed. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a town at N-498721, 4 buildings were destroyed. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at N-483690, 1 railcut was scored and approaches to a small bridge were knocked out. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at N-498721. Time down at A-96, 1448 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1212 hours, 22 February 1945, Major Biggin leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs along a railroad at N-970704, N-972709, N-974713, N-975714, 1 railcut was scored at each of the above co-ordinates. 1 factory and barracks were strafed and damaged at N-[illegible]. 8 oil tank cars were strafed and destroyed at N-974713. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1352 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1239 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Millis leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs along a railroad at N-195734, N-219750. 1 railcut was scored at each of the above coordinates. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at N-306765, N-[illegible]. Time down at A-96, 1423 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1510 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Lathbone leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 7 x 500 lb. bombs on a tunnel at N-810831, 1 locomotive and 15 box cars had just dashed into the tunnel as the squadron approached. 2 direct hits on the E end of the tunnel caused black smoke to pour out of the W end, both entrances were sealed by several near misses. 1 x 500 lb. bombs was dropped on a locomotive with 5 cars at N-774835, all cars and locomotive were damaged. 1 locomotive, 3 box cars strafed and destroyed, 5 box cars strafed and damaged at N-780874. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/A at N-705628, 2 railcuts were scored, 1 road block, 1 locomotive destroyed, 2 buildings destroyed, 9 oil cars destroyed, 5 box cars damaged, 1 M/A damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at N-7783. Time down at A-96, 1642 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1515 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Ceiling leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs at N-876855, 1 locomotive was destroyed, 2 box cars destroyed, 2 railcuts. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a railroad bridge at N-877850, 2 direct hits damaged the bridge, destroyed 3 buildings, 1 railcut. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1716 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1424 hours, 22 February 1945, Major Personnet leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission.

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Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. bombs at M-659741, 1 locomotive was damaged, 4 box cars destroyed, 1 railcut. 2 x [illegible] lb. bombs were dropped at M-1586 with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered at M-155988, M-659741. Time down at A-96, 1608 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1541 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Hamilton leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a R/R at M-491713, 15 box cars were destroyed, 5 were damaged, 2 buildings destroyed, 3 railcuts scored. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at M-665723. Time down at A-96, 1714 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1429 hours, 22 February 1945, Major McDonald leading (16th). 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bomb along a RR track at M-023534, M-023565, M-021551, M-024587, M-023581, scoring 1 railcut at each of the above co-ordinates. 8 box cars were strafed and damaged at M-021551. 1 building was strafed and destroyed at M-021551. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at M-030536. Time down at A-96, 1534 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1526 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Masterson leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on 25 box cars at M-270526, 10 cars were destroyed, 3 railcuts scored. 8 x 500 lb. bombs and 12 rockets were expended at M-345532, 5 railcuts were scored, 1 roadblock, 1 M-T damaged, 1 bridge probably destroyed. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at M-270526. Time down at A-96, 1724 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1652 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Aiking leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. 4 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped in offering with unobserved results. 12 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a R/R at M-665745, 15 box cars destroyed, 2 buildings destroyed, 1 switch house destroyed, 5 box cars damaged, 2 buildings damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Ulflingen. Time down at A-96, 1820 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1645 hours, 22 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 8 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were on a R/R at M-201786, R/R was damaged, 2 railcuts were scored. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at M-200786. Time down at A-96, 1835 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
22 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 22 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2836 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0750 down at 0950, target M/Y at R-285665, 4 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 1000', 6 hits in M/Y, 2 hit E of M/Y, 1 hugh explosion in M/Y 10 boxcars destroyed. 4 A/C bombed train at R-245676. T.O.T. 0905, bomb run to 1000' 2 hits on train, 1 loco & 1 car destroyed, 6 misses, 4 A/C bombed train at R-3670. T.O.T. 0915, bomb run to 4000', 4 hits W of train. 4 hits on train 10 flat cars & 4 MT destroyed, bombs to the rear caused large explosion with black, green & white smoke. 2 A/C strafed train at R-4466, loco & 3 boxcars damaged. Intense LAA at Landau & R-350690, scant HAA at Germersheim. Weather, CAVU hazy at target. Rhine Valley 10/10ths to 6000'. 1 A/C damaged flak, Cat #2. 1 A/C damaged flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2837 (Armed recce)

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0815 down at 1020, target, train at R-350528. 7 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 0845, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits on cars, 6 boxcars destroyed, 1 hit near loco damaging it. Flight strafed loco, 2 hits on rails, rail cut. 7 misses. 4 A/C bombed passenger train at R-635614. T.O.T. 0910, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits near loco, 4 hits on rails to rear of train, rails cut, 3 misses. 4 A/C strafed loco & damaged it. 4 A/C strafed train at R-684577, loco & 4 boxcars damaged. 4 A/C strafed train at R-679730, loco damaged. 1 x 100 lb bomb dropped here, fire started among boxes. 4 x 100 dropped into town of Bruchsal. Intense LAA from this town. Weather, base to Rhine, scattered clouds to 2000' haze in Rhine Valley. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2838 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0820 down at 1010. Recced route #1, target, train at Q-417844, loco stopped under road bridge. T.O.T. 0900, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits W. of train, 2 hits on bridge, caved in on loco, 1 road bridge & 1 loco destroyed, 2 hits on approach to bridge, 3 hits, no results observed. Flight bombed train at Q-363918. T.O.T. 0910, bomb run to 1500', 4 misses SW, 2 hits along train, 2 near misses on loco. 12 rockets fired at train all 12 on or near loco, loco destroyed, 3 hits on loco. Flight strafed train of 20 boxcars, 20 cars damaged. Weather 10/10ths to 1000', Kaiserlautern CAVU, Saarbrucken to base. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos, 12 Rockets.

Mission 2839 (Armed recce)

6 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0825 down at 1015, recced route #2, target, train at R-304815. T.O.T. 0915, bomb run to 1500' 2 hits on loco destroyed it, 2 hits in center of train 4 boxcars destroyed, 1 RR cut, 2 hits E & 6 near misses to W., 3 boxcars damaged, 1 hit unobserved. 2 Rockets unobserved. Scant LAA & HAA at target. Weather 10/10ths 1000' to 2000', recce route, CAVU back to base. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2840 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce up at 1030 down at 1140, target, train at R-445410. T.O.T. 1105, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits on loco, loco destroyed, 4 hits on flat cars, 4 flat cars & 4 MT or tanks, identy not known destroyed, 3 flat cars damaged. 8 A/C bombed M/Y at Karlsruhe at R-500443, 4 hits among boxcars destroyed 8, damaged 5, 4 hits unobserved, 2 hits in M/Y, no damage, 4 hits among 8 locos standing parrellel destroying 6 locos. 2 hits NE end of M/Y among boxcars destroyed 6 (flamers). Moderate LAA from target. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-3813. Weather CAVU from base to target. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2841 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1200 down at 1345, target, RR station at S-034500. T.O.T. 1300, bomb run to 2000', 6 hits in station cutting rails on main line, 2 hits W of tracks, 2 hits cut rails at S-038475, 2 hits on highway at S-036470 causing partial road block, 4 misses. Weather 9/10ths base 8000' E of Rhine hazy below. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2842 (Dive bomber mission)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1200 down at 1345, target, tracks between R-8440 & R-9941. T.O.T. 1300, bomb run to 1000', 6 hits made 3 rail cuts between R-862403 & R-843403, 8 misses. Intense LAA at R-8740, moderate HAA at target. Weather 9/10ths base 8000' E. of Rhine, haze in target area. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2843 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1205 down at 1405, target rails. T.O.T. 1300, bomb run to 500', 10 hits on rails causing 5 rail cuts at R-735447, R-768428, R-780420, R-788414 & R-797408, 4 misses, 2 hits destroyed 3 buildings at R-722456. Intense LAA & moderate HAA at R-810392. Weather 10/10ths base 7500' target area to Rhine Valley. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2844 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1210 down at 1410, target, rails between R-7150 & R-8358. T.O.T. 1240, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits on rails, 4 rail cuts at R-736514, R-738518, R-740523 & R-742543, 6 misses. 22 rockets on or near rails. Weather thin layer base 7500', hazy.
Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 22 rockets.

Mission 2845 (Dive bomber mission)

6 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1225 down at 1335, target, rails between R-5124 & R-5235. T.O.T. 1300, bomb run to 2000', 8 bombs missed, 2 hits cut rails at R-523291, 2 hits caused explosion & possible rail cut at R-523294. Weather CAVU to Hagenau, overcast base 8000' from Hagenau to target. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2846 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1225 down at 1355, target, rails between R-4614 & R-3928. T.O.T. 1300, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits cut rails at R-444183, 3 hits cut rails at W-485980, 2 hits destroyed 5 buildings at W-4992, 10 misses. Scant HAA at R-5100. Weather CAVU target area. 2 bombs jettisoned at V-1995, vains spinning. Bombs exp: 15 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2847 (Dive bomber mission)

6 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1430 down at 1600, target, rails between R-5124 & R-5235. T.O.T. 1515, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits cut rails at R-522247, 1 hit cut rails at R-520255, 1 hit cut rails at R-511280, 2 hits cut rails at R-526310, 3 misses. 2 A/C strafed lumber yd. at R-523295, 2 A/C strafed & damaged 1 MT at R-532243, 2 A/C strafed 2 trucks at R-556244, both damaged, 2 A/C strafed & damaged 1 boxcar & 2 passenger cars at R-595392, strafed 2 horse drawn vehicles at R-517283, 2 horsed killed. Scant LAA at R-525295. Weather 10/10ths base 6000' over target area, 10/10ths base 4000' at Hagenau. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2848 (Dive bomber mission)

6 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1500 down at 1620, target, rails between R-4614 & R-3928. T.O.T. 1540, bomb run to 2000', 4 misses, 2 hits cut rails at R-461099, 2 hits cut rails at R-480004, 2 hits on RR bridge at W-487948, bridge damaged. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, returned bombs to base. Lt. Byron bellied in at Q-491411, in friendly territory, engine failure, Lt. Byron O.K. Weather, base to target hazy to 2500'. 1 A/C damaged, belly landing, Cat. not known. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2849 (Dive bomber mission)

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445, down at 1635, target, rails between R-7942 & R-7147. T.O.T. 1515, bomb run to 1000', 4 hits cut rails at R-719465 & R-730449, 2 near misses, 1 hit W. of RR. Weather 10/10ths at 7500' in target area, CAVU below. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2850 (Dive bomber mission)

9 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1450 down at 1635, target, rails between R-7150 & R-8358. T.O.T. 1540, bomb run to 1000', 6 hits cut rails at R-742525, R-739522 & R-736515, 6 hits W. of rails, 6 hits E. of rails. 4 Rockets hit rails probably cutting them, 8 rockets on or near rails, 12 rockets unobserved. Jumped by 12 ME 109s & FW 190s at this point from 6 o'clock, high at 4000', also 10 plus ME 109 & FW 190s Orbiting at 8000'. Lt. May fired long burst into ME 109 & had to break off. Lt. Jones saw this ME 109 explode in air. 1 ME 109 destroyed. Lt. May also shot burst into 2 other E/ac and saw pieces come off.2 E/ac damaged either ME 109s or FW 190s. Lt. Jones shot effective burst at 3 ME 109s in seperate attacks pieces came off all three & they went into uncontrolled dives & were smoking. 3 Me 109s probably destroyed. Lt. Morgan fired long burst into ME 109s. E/ac exploded at 5000'. Lt. Morgan also got hits on ME 109 ,pieces came off, issued black smoke & headed down out of control. 1 ME 109 probably destroyed. Lt. Morgan also got hits on FW 190 from behind, pieces came off issued black smoke & headed straight down, 1 FW 190 probably destroyed. Our yellow section entered the scrap at this point & encountered 3 FW 190s at 6000'. Lt. Austin & Lt. Hartzell got hits on 1 FW 190 & pieces came off including canopy & plane went into uncontrolled dive issueing black smoke. 1 FW 190 probably destroyed. Scant inaccurate LAA at R-7040. Weather 10/10ths base 6500' over target. Lt. Plishka was last seen after bombing & before dogfight at 4000' at approx. R-7254. Lt. Plishka's body was found 4 miles SE of Bar Le Luc at approx. V-1419, reason for crash undetermined. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 24 Rockets.

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Mission 2851 (Dive bomber mission)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down at 1635, target, rails between S-0234 & S-0357. T.O.T. 1545, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits cut rails at S-024640, 10 misses, 2 hits on small dam at S-030460. Scant LAA at R-9945. Weather, 3 thin layers of 8/10ths at 4000', 7000' & 9000' in target area. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2852 (Dive bomber mission)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down at 1615, target, rails between R-8440 & R-9941. T.O.T. 1545, bomb run to 2500', 2 hits cut rails at R-845404, 12 misses. Scant LAA & HAA at R-845404. Weather 10/10ths 6000' to 8000' in target area. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2853 (Dive bomber mission)

6 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1650 down at 1810, target, rails between R-5124 & R-5235. T.O.T. 1725, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits cut rails at R-527303, 10 misses. 2 A/C strafed 1 MT at R-525367, 1 MT damaged also strafed building at R-523297. Weather, heavy ground haze to 4000'. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2854 (Dive bomber mission)

4 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1710 down at 1830, target, rails between R-4614 & R-3928. T.O.T. 1750, bomb run to 1000', 4 misses, 2 cut rails at R-446210, 2 hits cut rails at R-446212. Weather, heavy haze to 4000' enroute to target. 1 A/C blew a tire & ran into cletrac beside runway, killing one E. M. Bombs exp: 8 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2855 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1715 down at 1840, target, train at R-580615. T.O.T. 1740, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits destroyed 1 loco, damaged 1 loco & cut rails, 2 hits cut rails at R-590610. 2 A/C strafed and fired 11 rockets at loco at R-549620, loco damaged, strafed another loco same pinpoint, no results observed, 2 A/C dropped 4 bombs at Scheibenhardt at R-295425. T.O.T. 1800, bomb run same, no results observed, fired 6 rockets, also 6 rockets jettisoned here. 8 A/C bombed tracks between R-665560 & R-675530. T.O.T. 1750, bomb run to 2000', 8 hits on tracks, 4 rail cuts, 8 misses. Weather 8/10ths to 10/10ths at 10,000', base to target CAVU. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 17 rockets.

Mission 2856 (Dive bomber mission)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1720 down at 1845, target, rails between R-8440 & R-9941. T.O.T. 1800 bomb run to 1000', 6 hits cut rails in 3 places R-932403, R-928402 & R-923403, 8 misses. Intense LAA from A/O south of target. Weather, base to target CAVU. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2857 (Armed recce)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1720 down at 1855, target M/Y at S-029540. T.O.T. 1805, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits in M/Y among cars, 10 boxcars destroyed, 1 large explosion, 6 scattered around M/Y. Weather, hazy, visibility 3 miles, overcast in target area. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

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HEADQUARTERS
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DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 22 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	96	
	(ii)	95	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vi)	1	Unknown
	(vii)	1	Bellied in
	(viii)	96	
C	(i)	4	75 gal.
	(ii)	3	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	154:05	
Note 6 E	(i)	192,000	
	(ii)	29,040	
Note 7 F	(i)	193 x 500 lb GP 22 Rockets	
	(ii)	189 x 500 lb GP 22 Rockets	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP	
Note 8 G		1	Pilot K.I.A.
Note 9 H	(i)	2	
	(ii)	6	
	(iii)	2	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	4	4
Locos	12	7
RR cars	59	41
RR bridge		1
Highway bridge	1	
Buildings	8	

	Complete	Partial
RR cuts	45	1
Road blocks		1

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS 22 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	76	
	(ii)	75	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	2	Flak, Cat. #2
		1	Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	76	
C	(i)	3	75 gal
	(ii)	3	75 gal
Note 5 D	(i)	127:00	
Note 6 E	(i)	152,000	
	(ii)	18,230	
Note 7 F	(i)	152 x 500 lb GP	
		12 x 100 lb Phos.	
		38 Rockets	
	(ii)	150 x 500 lb GP	
		11 x 100 lb Phos.	
		31 Rockets	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		6 Rockets	
		(Returned 1 x 100 lb Phos & 1 rocket to base)	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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24 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer,
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 221 for the period ending Sunset 22 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15,16,17 and 27. Close cooperation missions.

a. A.O.15 16 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 0750 on close cooperation. 46 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Saarbourg to Bitche to target, ammo dump at ↳-701615, to base. Time over target area: 0735-0810. Pelican "D" gave supply and ammo dump at ↳-701615 as target. Dropped 40 GPs on this target. Haze and smoke were so bad that NMC except that fire was observed started from our bombs in targetarea. 6 GPs were dropped on the town SE of the target believed to be Volmunster, ↳-7258 -- fires were observed to be started in the town. 3 light flak guns strafed and silenced at ↳-695606 -- claim 3 guns damaged. Flak: intense light at ↳-701644 and ↳-7258. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 2 (flak) - pilot OK. no e/a seen. Weather: heavy haze to 4,000 ft with visibility up sun nil, and down sun 2 miles. Down 0910.

A.O.16 16 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 0718 hours to furnish close support to Pelican at Sarrebourg and to bomb gas and fuel dump at ↳-689822. Carried 47 x 500# GP bombs. 1 P-47 crashed on take-off and its 3 bombs were recovered, Category 3. Followed route of base to Sarrebourg to Homburg to Saarbrucken to Neunkirchen to base. Time in target areas: 0755-0805 hours. Pelican was contacted, but no targets furnished; alternate target was not attacked because of weather. 8 bombs dropped on a loco and unknown number of cars moving into Saarbrucken at ↳-446725 at 0800 hours -- no hits on train, but 1 rail cut. 17 bombs were dropped on the large

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factory and shops approximately 2 miles W of Neunkirchen. There were 4 direct hits and 2 near misses on the factory and hits among the tanks and tracks on S side of factory -- factory damaged and 2 shops destroyed. 10 bombs dropped on loco and 15 cars moving E at Q-466720 -- loco tender destroyed by bomb hit and 1 building damaged by miss. 9 bombs dropped on loco and 15 cars moving S at Q-510820 -- 1 rail cut ahead of train. Also strafed; and 3 flat cars with flak guns damaged by strafing. It was observed that 3 flak cars were part of the middle of the train. Observations along route included: much smoke emanating from 2 factories in industrial areas between Saarbrucken and Neunkirchen. Flak: moderate, light at Saarbrucken; intense light at Neunkirchen. No E/A encountered. No losses, but 1 P-47 damaged on take-off as shown above. Weather: no cloud, visibility restricted by haze to 1 mile. Down at base: 0940 hours.

A.O.17 16 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 0707 to go on close cooperation. 48 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Saarebourg to Sarrequemines to Lebach (Q-4091) to base. Time over target areas was 0735 to 0850. Squadron contacted Pelican who said that Oranges were sour and that the alternate target was closed in. All bombs were dropped in M/Y at Lebach, Q-4091, which contained 100 cars and 1 loco headed E with steam up -- 22 cars and 1 loco destroyed, 18 cars damaged, 2 buildings destroyed, and 1 M/T attacked. Yard was also strafed. 19 of the bombs landed in the yard, 17 were misses, and the rest were NRO. 1 train (composition unknown) was seen NE at Q-5392. There was no flak, no losses, or no e/a seen. Weather: no cloud, haze to 3,000 ft, visibility less than a mile in the haze and above visibility was unlimited. Down 0905.

A.O.27 6 P-47s of the 358th Fighter Group (3 from the 365th Sdq and 3 from the 367th Squadron) dispatched at 1635 to go on close cooperation with Pelican Baker. Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Forbach to Saarbrucken to St Ingelbert to base. Time over target areas: 1710-1725 Hours. Stables took squadron into the target and Pelican Baker marked target with red smoke and instructed the squadron to bomb from south to north. 18 GPs dropped on pillboxes at Q-409668. Stables reported 16 bombs on the target. Squadron then recced between Forbach and Saarbrucken to St Ingelbert for the controller, but no movement was observed. Observations along the route: 1 parachute seen heading for the ground at 1720 hours and 1 fire at Q-3866. Flak: scant light at Saarbrucken. No losses and no e/a seen. Weather: haze to 3500 ft with visibility 1/2 mile in the haze. Down 1800.

B. (i) 54 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Supply and ammo dump at Q-701615.
Town SE of target, (Volmunster).

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15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco and unknown number of cars moving S into Saarbrucken.
Large factory and shops, 2 miles W of Neunkirchen.
Loco and 15 cars moving E at Q-466720.
Loco and 15 cars moving S at Q-510820.
Strafed, 3 flat cars with flak guns.
15 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at Lebach, Q-4091. Also strafed same.
6 A/C dropped on pillboxes at Q-409668.
53 A/C completed missions.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) Nil
d) 1 P-47 crashed on take-off.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged; 1 a/c damaged on take-off, crash-landed, cat.3; and 1 a/c damaged by flak, category 2.
(viii) 53

C. (i) 2 x 75 gal. type belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 120:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 129,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 19,035 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 159 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail M113; (42 nose spikes).
(ii) 156 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
40 GPs on target, supply and ammo dump at Q-701615.
6 GPs on town SE of target (Volmunster).
8 GPs on loco and unknown number of cars moving S into Saaebrucken at Q-446725.
17 GPs on large factory and shops 2 miles W of Neunkirchen.
10 GPs on loco and 15 cars moving E at Q-466720.
9 GPs on loco and 15 cars moving S at Q-510820.
48 GPs on M/Y at Lebach, Q-4091.
18 GPs on pillboxes at Q-409668.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
3 - 500# GP bombs returned to base, (from abortive aircraft).

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I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 23
c) Damaged, 21

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 3

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads cut, 2

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 1

Squadron hit supply and ammo dump but observations of damages impossible because of smoke. No other results observed due to darkness.

4. (2) Operations Nos.: A.O. 21,22,23,24,25 and 26. To perform rail interdiction missions.

A. A.O.21 16 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1212 hours to perform rail interdiction mission. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to targets to base. Time in target areas: 1235 - 1305 hours. One bomb dropped on each of the following places, W-726972, W-725972, W-725977, W-726980 -- rails cut in each intance. 16 bombs dropped on tunnel at W-725990, with 6 hits at S, mouth of tunnel, 2 hits inside tunnel, 4 hits on N. mouth of tunnel, 2 near misses, and 1 hit on tracks 50 yards N. of tunnel, -- tunnel damaged, 1 rail cut. 4 bombs dropped on rails at W-725974 -- 1 rail cut. One bomb dropped on tracks at R-881072 -- 1 rail cut. 5 bombs dropped at R-865052 on train consisting of 1 loco and 7 to 8 boxcars and coal cars. There were 3 direct hits and 1 bomb failed to explode -- 1 loco and 3 cars destroyed, 1 rail cut. At this same point, 4 cars were damaged by strafing. 3 bombs dropped on tracks at R-865052 -- missed and no claims. 3 bombs dropped on tracks at R-865042 -- missed and no claims. 1 bomb dropped on tracks at R-878070 -- 1 rail cut. 2 bombs dropped on tracks at R-905089 -- 1 rail cut. 5 bombs dropped on steel RR bridge at R-882074 -- missed bridge, but 1 rail cut at N end of bridge, northern approach severely damaged, 1 bldg destroyed, 2 bombs dropped on tracks at R-874063 -- missed and no claims. 2 bombs dropped on tracks at R-865054 -- hit tracks but ex-

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ploded in mid-air when it bounced off. Observations along route:- 15 large, camouflaged buildings with the rear ends of several M/Ts sticking out at S-0318; 12 M/Ts headed W at W-0898; 300-400 box cars, no locos, in Offenburg M/Y. Flak: intense, heavy at Offenburg; intense, light at R-9410. 1 P-47 damaged when it hit tree, Cat.2. No E/A encountered, weather: 10/10 at 10,000 ft., tops unknown; visibility 5 to 6 miles. Down at base; ~~1355~~ hours.

A.O.22 15 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1155 to cut rails between S-2614 and S-4514, and S-1826 and S-4725. 44 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Kuekheim (S-2707) to base. Time over target areas was 1300-1320. 11 GPs on double railway track at S-350345 -- both tracks cut, and one missed bomb destroyed a building. 12 GPs on double railway tracks at S-495235 1 RR cut (4 bombs did not explode). 9 GPs on railway tracks resulting in cuts at S-265135, S-275135, and M/T attacked at S-275135 (1 bomb did not explode). 8 GPs on road bridge at S-472120 - near misses, no claim made. 4 GPs on railway track at S-495110 - no RR cuts, but bank damaged (1 bomb failed to explode). The following claims are made from strafing: 1 M/T facing NW at W-[illegible]92 destroyed; 2 box cars at S-277135 damaged, 5 oil storage tanks at S-295155 damaged. The following were observed en route: 8 to 12 M/Ts moving NW into Oberkirch - were not attacked as squadron was low on gas. Flak was nil. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 1 (bomb blast). No e/a seen. Weather: snow flurries, 10/10 cloud with base from 3 to 6,000 ft, tops unknown, and visibility 3 to 5 miles. Down 1411.

A.O.23 16 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1200 to go on rail interdiction of Areas 3 and 6. 47 x 500# GPs were carried. 1 a/c aborted due to oil leak and returned 3 GPs to base. Route flown was base to Area 3 to Area 6 to base. Time over target areas was 1230 - 1315. The following claims are made for Area 6: 3 GPs on W-5686 -- 2 main line cuts and 1 siding cut; 3 GPs on W-570856 -- 1 rail cut; 2 GPs on W-592846 -- 1 rail cut and 1 building destroyed; 1 GP on W-618832 -- 1 rail cut; 3 GPs on W-559862 -- 1 rail cut; 3 GPs on W-550863 -- RR bridge damaged by hit on S end; 6 GPs on W-542865 -- 1 rail cut, and RR bridge damaged on both ends. The following claims are made for Areas 3; 1 GP on S-273459 -- 1 rail cut; 2 GP on S-264430 -- RR bridge destroyed; 3 GPs on S-2845 -- missed; 3 GPs on S-2940 -- missed; 1 M/T at S-2451 destroyed by strafing; 3 GPs on S-2644 -- 4 buildings damaged; 1 GP on S-288459 -- RR bridge destroyed and 1 rail cut; 2 GPs on S-265440 -- switch house damaged; 1 GP on S-3046 - 1 rail cut; 2 GPs on S-2540 - 1 rail cut; 3 GPs on S-265408 -- S abutment of bridge damaged; 2 GPs on S-263434 -- bombs did not explode; 4 locos at S-263434 damaged by strafing. The following observations were made: B-17 with dead engine headed 200 degrees, red checked triangle on tail shot green flares at 1300 hours while over W-5085; 4 twin engine a/c seen on A/D at W-7488; loco with 15 box cars, stationary and headed N at W-7392; loco with 20

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box cars moving N at W-8296; loco with steam up at R-8807; 6 columns of steam (probably locos) at W-7083; 2 locos with steam up headed W (1 with 15 box cars) at W-7787; 12 a/c (3 of them He-111s) on A/D at W-8393; 6 camouflaged buildings surrounded by piles of boxes at W-144858; stacks of crates (looked like supply boxes) at W-4419; A/D inactive at R-9740; 2 locos moving E at R-8340); 5 M/T vehicles and 5 M/T headed SW at R-2621; 20 box cars standing at S-2038; piles of boxes stacked along canals and rivers from R-5038 to R-6038. Flak: intense light at A/D at R-9740; moderate heavy at S-0734; moderate heavy and intense light at W-550863; scant heavy at R-8139; and scant heavy at W-5085. No losses. No e/a activity seen. Weather: heavy rain in area 6 with haze to 3,000 ft; in other area 4-6/10 cloud with base at 7500 ft and tops 12,000; with visibility 1 mile up sun and 3 miles down sun. Down 1525.

A.O.24 15 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1515 to go on rail interdiction. 45 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to target to base. Time over target areas was 1600-1620. 24 GPs dropped on rails in vicinity of W-853050 -- 1 double rail cut, and 2 single rail cuts. 21 GPs dropped on tracks in bend on RR at W-726978 -- 3 rail cuts. The following observations were made en route: 1 large explosion seen to come from town at W-825020, cause unknown; 1 train consisting of loco and undetermined number of box cars headed W at W-785832; 1 train, steam up, headed N. at W-819956; 1 pile of crates near M/Y at W-7395. Flak: weak light at W-856040. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 1. No e/a seen. Weather: no cloud but haze at 2500 ft; east of the Rhine 6-8/10 cloud with visibility 8-10 miles down sun and 3-4 miles up sun. Down 1700.

A.O.25 16 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1508 to go on rail cutting between S-2614 and S-4514, and S-1826 and S-4725. 48 x 500 lb GP bombs were carried. Route: briefed course was flown. Time over target areas was 1600-1615. 12 GPs dropped on rail tracks resulting in rail cut at S-273238. 12 GPs on rail tracks resulting in rail cut at S-225249 and a double cut at S-270239 (the latter cut the tracks at the same point on a double line). 12 GPs dropped resulted in road cuts about 100 yards apart at S-341146 and a rail cut at S-341148. 12 GPs on rail tracks at S-440130 -- no claims. Strafing attacks and claims: M/T which was 1/3 full at S-235140 was strafed three times and the 6 locos which were in the yard are claimed as damaged; 2 M/T moving at S-220258 destroyed; 1 M/T facing E at S-205254 destroyed; 1 M/T facing NW at S-195250 destroyed; 1 M/T facing N at S-268267 destroyed; 1 M/T facing W at S-262248 destroyed; 1 M/T facing W at S-280248 destroyed. Squadrons blue flight was bounced by 30 plus gray and black colored Me-109s, 4 miles SE of Stuttgart. Our flight was at 9,000 ft and the E/a, which were not agressive, circled above at 14,000 ft for quite awhile before they finally bounced Blue flight who had spotted them and were climbing up to contact them. Yellow flight was strafing a ground target at the time. From this encounter the following claims are made: 1-0-2 (1 destroyed by Maj J. Tyler, and 2 damaged by Lt D. Loveless).

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5 unknown e/a were seen on A/D at S-0512, and 2 twin engine a/c (believed to be Ju-88s) seen on A/D at M-7828. No flak and no losses. Weather: overcast, 7/10, with base at 7000-8000 and tops unknown plus a heavy haze which restricted visibility to from 3-5 miles. Down 1742.

A.O.26 16 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1505 to go on rail interdiction. 46 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Area 3 to Area 6 to base. Time over target was 1520-1630. 1 GP dropped on bridge at M-823150 with a direct hit which destroyed the bridge and cut a rail. 2 GPs dropped on M-799149 -- 1 rail cut. 1 GP on M-827149 -- 1 rail cut. 6 GPs on M-797148 -- E end of tunnel damaged, 1 rail cut, 1 building destroyed. 2 GPs on M-822148 -- 1 building destroyed. 4 GPs on M-8215 -- 1 rail cut. 4 GPs on M-790148 -- W end of tunnel damaged and 1 rail cut. 1 GP on S-265440 -- RR spur cut, and 1 coal car destroyed. 2 GPs on S-268448 -- 1 rail cut. 2 GPs on S-260435 - 3 buildings destroyed. 1 GP on S-2440 -- 1 M/T attacked. 8 GPs on S-260405 -- south end of RR bridge destroyed. 12 GPs missed targets. The following observations were made en route: at M-920098 -- 3 trains moving W, 1 composed of flat cars with 2 tanks and M/Ts and other 2 trains made up of box cars; at M-9311 -- airstrip with 3 T/E planes; at M-740020 - 1 loco in M/Y and M/Y half full of box cars; at M-675005 -- 1 loco with 25 box cars moving E; Ludwigsberg -- 2 locos in M/Y with 30-40 cars; at S-0530 -- 200-300 box cars in M/Y; at S-2440 -- 1 loco with 15-20 box cars in M/Y; at M-695283 -- 1 loco facing N; at M-4307 -- 7-8 barrage balloons at 2,000 ft. There was no flak, no losses, and no e/a seen. Weather: 9/10 with base at 6,000, tops 6500, and visibility 6-7 miles. Down: 1725.

B. (i) 94 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M-726972; M-725972; M-725977, M-726980, rails cut.
Tunnel at M-735990.
Rails at M-725974.
Tracks at M-881072.
Train, loco and 7 boxcars and coal cars, M-865052.
Tracks at M-865052.
Tracks at M-865042.
Tracks at M-878070.
Tracks at M-905089.
Steel RR bridge at M-882074.
Tracks at M-874063.
Tracks at M-865054.
15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Double railway tracks at S-350245.
Double railway tracks at S-495235.
Railway tracks at S-265135.
Road bridge at S-472120.
Railway tracks at S-495110.

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15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Main RR lines and sidings at W-5686.
Tracks at W-570856.
Tracks and 1 bldg at W-592846.
Tracks at W-618832.
Rails at W-558862
RR bridge at W-550863.
Rails at 542865-W.
Rails at S-278455.
Rails and RR bridge at S-264430.
Rails at S-2845.
Rails at S-2940.
Buildings at S-2644.
RR bridge and rails at S-288459.
Switch house at S-265440.
Rails at S-3046.
Rails at S-2540.
Bridge at S-265408.
Strafed 4 locos at S-263434.

15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Rails in vicinity of W-553050.
Tracks in bend on RR at W-726978.

16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Rail tracks at S-273338.
Rail tracks at S-270239.
Road cuts at S-341146.
Rail cut at S-341148.
Rail tracks at S-440130.
Strafed, A/T at S-235140.
2 A/Ts moving E at S-220258.
1 A/T vacing E at S-205254.
1 A/T facing NW at S-195250.
1 A/T facing E at S-268267.
1 A/T facing W at S-262248.
1 A/T facing W at S-280248.
E/a bounced, claims 1-0-2.

16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Bridge at R-823150.
Rails at R-799149.
Rails at R-827149.
Tunnel at R-797148.
Building at R-822148.
Rails at R-8215.
Tunnel and rails at R-790148.
RR spur at S-265440.
Rails at S-269448.
Buildings at S-260435,
A/T attacked, at S-2440.
Bridge at S-260405

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(iii) 93 A/C completed missions.
1 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 A/C, mechanical ,oil leak.

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 3 P-47s damaged; 1 a/c dam. when it hit a tree, cat 2.; 1 a/c dam. by flak cat.1; 1 a/c dam.bomb blast, cat 1.
(viii) 93

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. belly tank dispatched.
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 215:00.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 225,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 12,275 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 278 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail M113.
(ii) 275 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
1 GP on rails at W-726972.
1 GP on rails at W-725972.
1 GP on rails at W-725977.
1 GP on rails at W-726980.
16 GPs on tunnel at W-735990.
4 GPs on rails at W-725974.
1 GP on tracks at R-881072.
5 GPs on train,1 loco and 7 boxcars at R-865052.
3 GPs on tracks at R-865052.
3 GPs on tracks at R-865042.
1 GP on tracks at R-878070.
2 GPs on tracks at R-905089.
5 GPs on steel RR bridge at R-882074.
2 GPs on tracks at R-874063.
2 GPs on tracks at R-865054.
11 GPs on double railway tracks at S-350245.
12 GPs on double railway tracks at S-495235.
9 GPs on railway tracks at S-265135.
8 GPs on road bridge at S-472120.
4 GPs on railway tracks at S-495110.
3 GPs on main lines and sidings, at W-5686.
3 GPs on rails at W-570856.
1 GP on rails at W-618832.
2 GPs on rails and bldg at W-592846.
3 GPs on rails at W-558862.
3 GPs on RR bridge at W-550863.

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6 GPs on rails at W-542865.
1 GP on rails at S-278455.
2 GPs on RR bridge at S-264430.
3 GPs on RR bridge at S-264430, and S-2845.
3 GPs on S-2940.
3 GPs on S-2644, buildings,
1 GP on RR bridge and rails at S-288459.
2 GPs on S-265440, swith house.
1 GP on rails at S-3046.
2 GPs on S-2540, rails.
3 GPs on abutment of bridge at S-265408.
2 GPs on S-263434,
24 GPs on rails in vicinity of W-853050.
21 GPs on tracks in bend on RR at W-726978.
12 GPs on rail tracks at S-273338.
12 GPs on rail tracks at S-225249.
12 GPs on roads at S-341146.
12 GPs on rail tracks at S-440130.
1 GP on bridge at R-823150.
2 GPs on rails at R-799149.
1 GP on rails at R-827149.
6 GPs on end of tunnel at R-797148.
2 GPs on building at R-822148.
4 GPs on rails at R-8215.
4 GPs on tunnel and rails at R-790148.
1 GP on RR spur at S-265440.
2 GPs on rails at S-268448.
1 GP on A/Y at S-2440.
8 GPs on RR bridge at S-260405.
12 GPs missed targets.
2 GPs on buildings at S-260405.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
3 - 500# GP bombs returned to base,(on abortive aircraft).

C. Nil

H. (i) 2 E/A (Me-109s) destroyed, in the Air:- by
1 Me-109 by Major Joe Tyler,O-434185, 367th Squadron.
1 Me-109 by 1st Lt D.W. Loveless,O-887274, 367th Squadron.
(ii) 1 E/A (Me-109) Probably destroyed, in the Air:- by
1 Me-109 by 1st Lt D.W. Loveless, O-887274, 367th Squadron.
(iii) Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 9

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 10

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 6

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5. Bridges,
   a) Destroyed, 4
   c) Damaged, 3

9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 9
   c) Damaged, 4

10. Roads cut, 2

11. Railroads cut, 52

14. M/Y attacked,
   a) Destroyed, 1
   c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims,
   Tunnels, c) Damaged, 4
   Oil storage tanks, c) Damaged, 5
   Switch-house, c) Damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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OPERATIONS NO. 3818 TR/20/22/19

A. 2 F 6C's from 08:10 to 09:20 to recce Strasbourg, Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, R-7310, R-4307, Strasbourg. OBSNS: 1 train (number of cars unobserved) moving north at R-4841. M/Y Karlsruhe R-4844 2/3 filled. 5 locos s/u M/Y Karlsruhe. Many smoke pots emitting white smoke in M/Y R-4844. NMS Karlsruhe to Pforzheim. 1 train 40 cars, type u/o mvg SE into Pforzheim. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg S at R-7315. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg W at R-8015. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg N at R-8315. 2 MT both ways at R-4418. 4 barrage balloons 1000' at R-4307. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 0810 to 0920. WEATHER: 10/10 2-3000' with breaks in remainder of area.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area, (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3819 TR/16/22/23

A. 2 F 6C's from 0810 to 0930 to recce Hagenau, Karlsruhe, Worth. OBSNS: 1 train 60 plus boxcars and gondolas stat facing W R-3552. Called to controller Crawford flight attacked target. 2 direct hits observed on train, rest close enough to damage cars. Loco also hit. 4 locos s/u Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train (no. & type cars u/o) N R-3951. Remainder of area u/o because of weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Verticals of R-3552. R/C: Poor. WEATHER: 10/10 ground to 3000', extreme haze. TOA: 0810 to 0930.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3820 TR/5/22/15

A. 2 F 6C's from 0800 to 0945 to recce Annweiler, Landau, Weibenburg, R-3569. OBSNS: No observations in "B" area due to ground fog. 3 locos s/u, 2 at S end and 1 at N end at Landau M/Y, direction u/o. 150 undamaged boxcars Landau M/Y (leader sent Spurtle flight to D/B M/Y-destroyed 1 loco and numerous boxcars). 1 train with 10 cars heading E into Landau at R-2368. Tracks broken at R-2368. F/B's D/B'd and straffed, but failed to destroy engine. 2 locos and 60 plus boxcars (last 10 with tanks or MT camouflaged) stat s/u at R-3570. F/B's missed target. 75-100 boxcars (no engine) stat at R-3469. Weibenburg M/Y empty. Bridge out at R-175474. 1 MT mvg S (color white) at R-2169. 1 loco at Annweiler stat s/u. R/R tracks mvg into large military camp at R-3569. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light/heavy-intense-acc at R-3569. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU except vis 1/2 mile due to haze and ground fog in "B" area. TOA: 0800 to 0945.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 450. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3821 TR/6/22/16

A. 2 F 6C's from 1025 to 1200 to recce Saarbrücken, Saarlautern, Neuenkirchen, Homburg, Pirmasens. OBSNS: 4 road bridges intact and 3 out in Saarbrucken. Rd bridge at Q-3572 in. All other bridges from Saarbrucken west to Q-3176 are out. NMS from Forbach-Saarbrucken-Saarlautern, except 1 MT parked facing W at Q-3973. 100 R/R cars, about 10 ambulance cars, 1 loco with s/u stat Homburg dir u/o. 1 small train mvg W with 5 cars in Neuenkirchen M/Y, which is about 1/3 filled. NMS Neuenkirchen-St. Wendel. M/Y St. Wendel very well clobbered. No activity. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Very hazy, vis 1 mile. TOA: 1025 to 1200.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii): Nil.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3822 TR/17/22/24

A. 2 F 60's from 1020 to 1140 to recce Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Heilbrown, Heidelberg. OBSNS: 1 train mvg SE with 70 cars (box and passenger) at R-6340. 3 locos with 150 boxcars stat with s/u at Mulachen M/Y. 15 locos s/u M/Y at Karlsruhe. 1000 plus boxcars and much activity M/Y Karlsruhe. 1 train mvg S 40 plus boxcars at S-0349. 10 MT fcg S at S-0348. 3 barges stat being loaded at R-9983. 4 locos s/u with 300 plus boxcars at R-9791, 3 fcg E and one W, and no movement. Also 150 plus boxcars in this M/Y. 1 train mvg toward Heidelberg with 30 plus boxcars at R-9394. 5 locos s/u and 700 plus boxcars in Heidelberg M/Y-no movement. 1 loco with 20 pass nger cars mvg S at R-6771. 1 train with 30 plus boxcars mvg NW into Bruchsas at R-6558. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense, inaccurate at Mulachen, R-8040. PHOTOS: Vertical R-6735 to R-7433, R-8040, M/Y Karlsruhe, M/Y Heidelberg. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 11,000' over area vis about 5 miles. TOA: 1020 to 1140.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (vii): Nil.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 480. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3823 TR/21/22/20

A. 2 F 60's from 1030 to 1155 to recce Karlsruhe, Kehl, Pforzheim, Stuttgart. OBSNS: NMS Kehl-R4841 due to weather. 2 large MT & trailers, 1 MT stat fcg N at R-4841. 2 locos s/u fcg N at S M/Y Karlsruhe. NMS Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, 300 boxcars M/Y Pforzheim. NMS Pforzheim, Stuttgart. 1 loco s/u fcg SE at S-0113. 100 boxcars M/Y Boblingen. 1 train 25 empty gondolas stat fcg S at R-9808. 1 loco s/u fcg S at R-9808. NMS Boblingen-Freudenstadt mostly due to overcast. 6-8 barrage balloons 1500' above lake at R-4307. 1 large MT mvg S at R-4308. Approx. 100 large crates stacked along RR at W-4789. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU, 10/10 2-3000 Kehl. TOA: 1030 to 1155.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3824 PR/4/42, 5/42, 6/42, 7/42, Sortie 218

A. 2 F 60's from 1345 to 1515 to recce Strasbourg, Stuttgart, S-2946, S-4725, S-4514, X-1091. OBSNS: Yards at Goppingen (S-4213) hit, therwise no obsns from S-240133 to S-5109. NMS Sacheenheim A/D. X-092903-bomb damage. No other obsns from X-1091 to S-1704. Large fire at X-096894. 1 train 15 boxcars W out of Tubingen (W-9892). 1 train 15 boxcars W in Tubingen M/Y. 1 train 15 boxcars E in Tubingen M/Y. String of 30 plus gondolas filled and snow covered in Goppingen M/Y (S-4213). NMS Entingen A/D (W-7788). No obsns from S-1826 to S-4725. Rails cut by 6 bombs at S-237396. No other obsns from S-1240 to S-2946. 1 train 20 plus boxcars NW in Esslingen M/Y (S-1516) and 3 locos s/u in yards, 2 of which were headed W. Fire on island in Rhine River across from Strasbourg in lumber piles. NMS Karlsruhe-Bietigheim. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical at S-237396, S-151264, S-4213, X-092903, X-096894. R/C: Fair. WEATHER: Ground haze, 9/10 7500', 2/10 9000', Stuttgart area. TOA: 1345 to 1515.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): Nil.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3825 PR/22/43, 23/43, 24/43, 22/43 Sortie 219

A. 2 F 60's from 1340 to 1520 to recce Strasbourg, Dinglingen, Offenburg, W-4768, Freudenstadt, Horb, W-6266. Smoke up to 5000' over Dinglingen-appeared to be an oil train on fire. Tracks cut at W-0976. Bomb hits around tracks at W-1783 but no hits on tracks. M/Y at W-2271 well clobbered. Tracks cut in town Biberach. Bombs missed tracks at W-2275. Tracks at W-4768 very well cut-two deep cuts.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3825 (cont'd)

A. (cont'd) M/Y at W-4972 covered with much debris. RR bridge at W-5184 severely damaged from bomb hits. M/Y at Freudenstadt about 1/2 filled with mostly box-cars. M/Y at Sulz well filled. 1 switch engine s/u facing SW. Rails cut at W-6372 in two different places. Large factory damaged at W-6266 from bombs. Oberndorf M/Y about 1/2 filled, but no activitythere. 1 MT mvg S at W-5283. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light-scant-inacc at Lahr. Heavy & light, scant, inacc at Freudenstadt. Light-scant-inacc at W-7083. PHOTOS: Vertical at W-094758, W-075714, W-172827, W-22015, W-2271, W-4768, W-4972, W-6372, W-6266, W-5184. R/C: Very good. WEATHER: CAVU with moderate ground haze up to 5000'. TOA: 1340 to 1520.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3826 TR/7/22/17

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1500 to recce Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, St. Wendel. OBSNS: Bdg at Q-464699 intact, bdg at Q-459707 intact, bdg at Q-443711 intact, bdg at Q-424713 intact. No other bdg intact across Saar from Saarbrucken to Volkingen. 1 MT N at Q-5273. No activity obsvd in vicinity Saarbrucken. NMS Saarbrucken - Q-3384 - St. Wendel. Remainder of area not covered due to engine trouble causing mission to return to base. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of ferry site at Q-4868. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU, heavy haze. TOA: 1345 to 1445.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3827 TR/22/22/21

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1530 to recce Kehl, Freudenstadt, Rastatt, Offenburg. OBSNS: NMS Kehl - Freudenstadt. M/Y Freudenstadt 1/2 filled. 2 trains 40 boxcars each fcg NE and 1 train 40 boxcars fcg SW and 300 boxcars in M/Y W-7183. 1 train 25 boxcars stat fcg E at W-7588. Obsvd 2 to A/C on N side of A/D at W-8394. M/Y at R-8300 1/2 filled. M/Y at R-9311 1/2 filled. 10 armored cars or tanks stat fcg NW on side of superhighway R-8326. 5 armored cars or tanks stat in center of superhighway fcg NW at R-7928. NMS Pforzheim - Karlsruhe - Rastatt mostly due to haze. 1 train 40 boxcars 20 flatcars (empty) mvg N into Rastatt. 2 MT, 1 with trailer mvg N at R-2198. 1 train 30 boxcars s/u in N end M/Y at Offenburg. 2 MT b/w W-4997. Obsvd 20 stacks of supplies covered by canvas along RR R-4518. E/A: At 1445 hrs E/A probably FW 190 7000' flying W at R-9525. E/A made 180° and flew E. E/F: Lt, scant, inacc AA R-7183. PHOTOS: Vertical of lake at R-4307. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 7/10 10,000' in area with ground haze. TOA: 1350 to 1510.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3828 TR/18/22/25

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1615 to recce Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Heilbrown, Heidleberg, Mannheim. OBSNS: 40 flatcars loaded with MT or possible tanks on RR at R-4642. 3 locos s/u, 2 fcg W & 1 fcg E M/Y Karlsruhe. NMS Karlsruhe - Pforzheim. M/Y Pforzheim 1/6 filled. 4 TE A/C NE part of A/D at R-9539. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg S at S-0238. 11 locos s/u at M/Y 1/3 filled at S-0631. M/Y Heilbrown 2/3 filled and 1 loco s/u. 50 large barges stat in river at S-0763. 1 loco s/u and M/Y 1/2 filled at R-9197. 3 trains 35-40 cars ea s/u fcg W M/Y at Heidelberg. 2 locos & M/Y 2/3 filled Heidelberg. At 1530 a loco had connected to the flats filled with MT or tanks at R-4642 and train was mvg N. E/A: Nil. E/F: Hvy, scant, inacc at R-9539. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 thin stratus at 7000'. Otherwise CAVU with haze in Rhine Valley. TOA: 1350 to 1655.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 250 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3829 TR/11/22/27

A. 2 F 60's from 1440 to 1640 to recce Homburg, Kaiserslautern, Bad Kreuznach, Saarbrucken, Pirmasens. OBSNS: 1 MT SW at Q-7686. String of 30 cars at Q-918915. First 20 boxcars, last 10 cars were flat cars with MT on them and camouflaged. 3 locos s/u Kaiserslautern M/Y. South Kaiserslautern M/Y 1/4 filled. 3 MT mvg S into Sobernheim (L-9432). L-858338 M/Y filled with boxcars. Kirn M/Y filled - no activity. Neuenkirchen - Ottweiler - Homburg - St. Ingbert - Saarbrucken - covered by haze and u/o. 6-7 MT b/w Zweibrucken to Pirmasens. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/O: Poor. WEATHER: 3/10 10,000' Saarbasin. Vis. 1/2 to 1 mile. TOA: 1505 to 1610.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3830 TR/8/22/18 (P-154 Sortie 220)

A. 2 F 60's from 1600 to 1805 to recce Badmunster, Kaiserslautern, Saarbrucken, Q-3585, St. Wendel, Homburg. OBSNS: 1 train 70 plus boxcars stat fog S in St. Ingbert M/Y. At 1710 hrs 15 plus MT in convoy mvg N at Q-5375. 5 MT mvg N at Q-5072, 1 large MT mvg E at Q-4970. 2 large MT or hdt mvg N at Q-4374. 3 MT or tanks mvg N at Q-4682. Other areas covered by heavy fog or haze so no obsns. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of RR bdg at Bad Munster and A/D at M-0427. R/O: Poor. WEATHER: CAVU Saarbrucken - Homburg. Hvy ground haze at Pirmasens-Bitche. TOA: 1615 to 1750.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3831 TR/19/22/26

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1745 to recce Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 7 locos s/u Karlsruhe M/Y. Weaver's plane developed engine trouble at Karlsruhe. Leader told weaver to make 180° and head for home. Pilot was forced to bail out and leader returned. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/O: Good. WEATHER: Heavy haze. TOA: 1640 to 1730.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (v) Nil. (vi) Pilot bailed out at R-450524 after plane appeared to become out of control. Plane crashed at R-420515. Reason believed to be material failure. (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. 1-MIA H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3832 PR/11/56, 22/56, 23/56, 24/56. Sortie 221

A. 2 F 60's from 1545 to 1800 to recce Haslach, W-4972, W-6269, W-7183, W-0771. OBSNS: 2 MT mvg E W-6469. Bomb damage at W-0771 (oil fires burning there-smoke to 3000'). Column of white smoke mvg from area W-0482-resembling loco smoke. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-mod-inacc at W-516830. PHOTOS: Verticals at W-516830, W-4972, W-6269, W-7183, W-4972, W-4859, M/Y Haslach, W-2271, W-1685-W-2277, W-0771. R/O: Good. WEATHER: Hazy. TOA: 1600 to 1745.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3833 PR/4/55, 5/55, 6/55, 7/55. Sortie 222.

A. 2 F 60's from 1600 to 1815 to recce Strasbourg, Stuttgart, S-2946, Goppingen, Pentlingen. OBSNS: 4 rail cuts between S-2541 to S-3445. 3 locos s/u S-3224, 150 boxcars. Mission flying W 6 miles S of Boblingen at 5500'. Spotted 20 ME-109's flying E at 6500' about 2 miles N of mission. Mission gained altitude and got on their stern. Weaver attacked last element, fired at one plane and saw smoke come from plane and pilot bailed out. Leader also fired at one plane in last element. Left wing of plane burst into flame and went into an inverted dive and did not pull out. One plane pulled away from formation and headed NW. Mission chased him, caught him. Both leader and weaver fired.

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A. (cont'd) Le ader saw strikes on fuselage and saw much smoke and leader broke to right. Weaver kept firing at him, saw pilot bail out. Mission started for home. Sighted 20 plus ME-109's heading E just S of Pforzheim at 5000'. Mission climbed to 6000' and got on stern of last element. Leader attacked one ME-109 and saw strikes on plane and weaver saw pilot bail out. Weaver attacked two ships which split S'ed and then followed them to the deck. Fired at one and saw canopy come off and plane crashed. Does not think pilot bailed out. Weaver then attacked the other plane and saw strikes on it and then it began to smoke. Weaver ran out of ammo and ME-109 leveled off and headed E. Leader got into Luftberry with 12 ME-109's at 5000', broke out, cut inside of one ME-109 at 1500' and fired long burst and saw enemy plane crash into the trees. Leader then ran out of ammo and mission returned to the base. E/A: See above. E/F: Lt-scant-insec W of Stuttgart. PHOTOS: Vertical of S-265410, S-266420, S-270449, S-302460, R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 thin layer 5500'. TOA: 1615 to 1800.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vi) Nil. (vii) Flak hole in wing. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 1700 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. (i) 6 (six) ME-109's (ii) Nil. (iii) one (1) ME-109.

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OPREP A NO. 160 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 22 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 498 TR/12/22/5

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 0725-0925. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train mvg E at R-2551. 1 train 30 cars mvg S out of Landau. 1 train 40 cars mvg S into Landau. M/Y at Landau 1/2 full, 2 locos working. 1 train 30 cars mvg E at R-3871. 6 barrage balloons over W part of Germersheim at 2000'-2500' at 0755 hrs. 12 balloons over Germersheim at 0845 hrs. 1 train 35 cars mvg S at R-4573. Cleared strip in edge of woods at M-2903. 1 train 35 cars mvg W at R-1194. 1 train mvg S at M-1100. 1 train mvg W into Annweiler, very large smoke cloud rising at Worms. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0905. WEATHER: Intense haze, ground fog, 5/10 on deck.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 499 TR/24/22/9

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 0800-0900. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 4 barrage balloons approx 2000' over SW corner of Freiburg. M/Y Freiburg, 1 train 50 B/C heading W called to controller. 2 trains heading W on RR in Freiburg called to controller. 2 locos, S/U, heading E at W-1331. Approx 6 balloons 1500' over road between W-1929 and W-4122. 1 loco heading SE at W-3525. No other obs due to mechanical failure. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0840. WEATHER: 10/10 from deck to 600' in Rhine valle, ground Fog in low areas through out route. vis 5 miles.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 500 TR/9/22/13

A. 2 F6-C's from 0845-1045. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Factories in Neunkirchen area appear active. M/Y at St Wendell 1/4 full, NMS. 25 B/C, 4 flat cars on siding at L-5802. 30 B/C on siding at L-5804. M/Y at L-5509, 1 train 15 B/C, S/U, Stat, facing E and 2 locos, S/U Stat. 1 train 50 B/C Stat, Facing E at L-8413. 1 loco, S/U, Stat, at L-8010. M/Y W Kaiserslautern, 1/3 full, 3 locos, S/U Stat. No other Obs due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at Pirmasens. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0900-1015. WEATHER: Heavy haze from ground to 3000' N of Kaiserslautern.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
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OPERATIONS NO. 501 TR/2/22/2

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1015-1230. To Recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: RR cut repaired at R-1639. Only cars on RR between Wissembourg and R-1039 are 5 or 6 at Hofen R-1538 and 50 plus at Sulz R-1039. RR Bdg knocked out at R-0430. M/Y Wissembourg almost empty, NMS. 5 M/T scatt mvg W out of Wissembourg. 20 barracks at R-1554 camouflaged in woods. 4 M/T scatt mvg W into Pirmasens. Possible supply dump at Q-8339. Approx 10 camouflaged bldgs in woods at Q-9529. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-L, R-1639. PHOTOS: Vert, Possible supply dump, Q-8339. 5000' 270° course at 115 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1035-1210. WEATHER: Rhine Valley 10/10 deck to 1000'. W of Rhine CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 502 TR/13/22/6

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1015-1150. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Kaiserslautern, 2 trains 40 B/C each, S/U Stat, fac W. 100 B/C on siding at Grunstadt M-3207. M/Y Germersheim 1/2 full, NMS. 100 B/C in M/Y Phillipsburg R-5271. M/Y N Landau 3/4 full, NMS. M/Y S Landau 1/4 full, NMS. 1 loco Mvg E into Karlsruhe at R-4248. M/Y N Karlsruhe 3/4 full, 3 locos S/U Stat (Called to controller). ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H, Mannheim. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1035-1130. WEATHER: 10/10 at 3000' W of Rhine. Rhine valley ceiling unlimited, vis 5 miles.
B. 1 F6-C & F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 503 TR/25/22/10

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1005-1210. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: Dump reported at Georgen W-5447 is now known to be lumber. M/Y Villingen 1/4 full, 2 locos working. Approx barrage balloons scatt along RR from W-3122 to Freiburg 750-1500'. Ambulance mvg E at W-2613. 40 plus B/C in M/Y in Gingenbach. 30 plus cars in M/Y at Zwil. Bdg serv at W-2469. 50 plus gondolas and B/C at Haslach. Small M/T mvg N at W-2862. 1 M/T mvg S at W-3753. Train, 3 cars mvg N out of Villingen. 20 plus B/C at W-5539. Hospital train, 20 plus cars at Donaueschingen. Supply dump reported at W-5227 is now known to be lumber. Dump reported at W-3325 is now known to be lumber. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1020-1155. WEATHER: Rhine valley 10/10 deck to 2500'. CAVU E of Rhine.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 504 P/155, 156, 128, 247, 105, 152, 151, P/131, A-246, A-248.

A. 2 F6-D's from 1050-1305. To P/R in Areas "A & C". OBSERVATIONS: Smoke rising from Worms. Rail activity in Kaiserslautern, Landau, Mannheim, Heidelburg. Train 30 B/C, 2 locos Stat fac S at R-6185, S/U. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Verticals: Q-786873, Supposed RR cut, 6000', 260°, 1120 hrs. Supplies, Q-743896, 6000', 260°, 1122 hrs. Fuel Dump, R-681888, 8000', 180° & 360°, 1140 hrs. Bischhoffen, Q-914288, 6000', 360 & 90°, 1200 hrs. Supply Dump R-381502 & 383503, 6000', 360° & 180°, 1205 hrs. Suspicious area, R-250559 & R-320559, 6000', 270 & 90°, 1210 hrs. Stores, R-357698, 8000', 180° & 360° 1215 hrs. Possible RR gun, R-215685, 6000', 120°, & 300°, 1220 hrs. M/Y & Supplies, Q-949527, 6000', 360° & 180°, 1230 hrs. M/Y, Q-5576, 6000', 90° & 270°, 1250 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1120-1255. WEATHER: Heavy Haze, 10/10 8500' base Mannheim area.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking areas "A & C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 505 TR/10/22/14

A. 2 F6-C's from 1130-1400. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Zweibrucked 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Neuenkirchen 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y bad Kreuznach 1/2 or 1/3 full, 1 loco working. Probable supply dump at M-1232. M/Y Kaiserslautern, E. 1/2 full, NMS. 80 B/C on siding at L-8106. Train 40 B/C, Stat, S/U fac E at Sobernheim. 30 B/C in yd at Sobernheim. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1150-1305. WEATHER: Intense haze S part of area, 10/10 7000' S & E Kaiserslautern.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 5 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 506 TR/3/22/3

A. 2 F6-D's from 1350-1505. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 2 MT mvg N at R-1060. 3 MT mvg E at R-2068. M/Y Landau 1/2 full, NMS. NMS on RR from Landau to Pirmasens. 20 B/C on siding at Q-9271. M/Y Pirmasens 1/3 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, Annweiller. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1435. WEATHER: 10/10 at 12,000' W of Hagenau.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 507 P/R 19 & TR/20/22/46

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1330-1510. To P/R and recce in area "E". OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg N into Gernsbach. 1 MT Stat, fac N in Gernsbach. M/Y Rastatt damaged. M/Y Gaggenau badly damaged. 1 MT mvg N into Rastatt. Direct hit on RR at R-337269 cut tracks. RR cut at R-335210. 3 MT mvg S at R5235. 4 MT mvg S into Herrenalb. 2 MT mvg S out of Ettlingen. Near misses on tracks at R-5231. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical, Rastatt, 6000', 360°, at 1400 hrs. Vertical, M/Y, Gaggenau, 6000', 330, 150, 200, & 360°, at 1355-1445 hrs. Railcut, R-335210, 6000', 100°, at 1430 hrs. Near misses on RR, R-5321, 6000', 180°, at 1415 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1450. WEATHER: No ceiling, Vis 5 Mi.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Area "E". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 20 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 508 PR/247, 8/22/44, 9/22/44, 15/22/44, 16/22/44,

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1335-1535. To P/R in Heilbron area. OBSERVATIONS: Rail cut at R-7454. Track repaired at R-7452. Train burning at R-7763. Repaired rail cut at R-8541. Locos mvg NE out of Lauffen S-0353. ENEMY AIR: NIL., ENEMY FLAK: N-I-H-L, Gros Sachsenheim. PHOTOS: Ver. Rail cut, R-7454, 3500' 230° at 1430 hrs. Vert. repaired RR cut R-7452, 3500', 210° at 1435 hrs. Vert. Train R-7763, 3500', 180°, at 1440 hrs. Vet. Defenses, R-0934 - R-1833, 6700', 102°, at 1500 hrs. Vert. Defenses, R-1625 - R-1915, 6500', 165° at 1505 hrs. Vert. Defenses, 1422 - R-0727, 7400', 310° at 1510 hrs. Vert. Town, Q-914288, 7400', 015° at 1515 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400-1515. WEATHER: No ceiling, Intense haze.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Heilbron area. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 509 P/R 10, 12, 13, 14/22/45

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1335-1535. To P/R in Stuttgart area. OBSERVATIONS: Train at W-8297 pranged, 2 cars blown off trk, trk appears cut. Rail cuts at W-8298. 3 railcuts in vic R9008. A/D W Boblingen appears unserv. 6 destroyed a/c on field. Bldg on fire in town of Bondor W-8192. A/D vic W-8593 appears serv, 3 a/c, appearing to be dummies, dispersed on S side of field, 2 hangars on E side of field, 1 hangar under construction E side of field. Main runway E-W appeared to be Asphalt, rest of field appeared serv for landing. No railcuts from W-8083 to W-9590. Observed smoke coming from tunnel at W-9086. A/D under construction at W-7886 appears serv, no a/c observed. camouflaged train Stat at R-7503, approx 12 pass cars fac S. Nothing obs from R-7515 on RR to R-8015. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: I-I-L, W-8593. PHOTOS: Vert. pranged train, W-8297, 5500', 0°, 1430 (BDA). Vert, railcut, W-8298, 5500', 0°, at 1435 (BDA). Vert. railcut, R-9008, 5500', 245 - 45°, 1445 (BDA). Vert. A/D, R-9312, 6000', 45 - 210°, 1452 (BDA). Vert, A/D, W-8593, 8500', 90°, 1500 hrs. Vert, A/D, W-7836, 6000', 10°, 1505 hrs. Vert, train, R-7503, 5500', 0°, 1510 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1410-1510 WEATHER: ceiling unlimited. vis 5 miles in haze. Rhine Valley 10/10 at 5000'.

B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Stuttgart area. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 510 P/R 10, 12, 13, 14/22/58

A. 2 F6-C's from 1550-1735. To P/R in Stuttgart area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 large fires in M/Y at Horb W-7184. Building on fire in town of Nafringen R-8604. 1 large fire in M/Y at W 099892, yard 1/2 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: 20 plus Me-109's approx 8000', engaged in dogfight with P-47's over Stuttgart at 1640 hrs. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert. of M/Y W-7184, 6000', 60°, at 1630 hrs. Vert. of town at R-8604, 8000', 340°, at 1640 hrs. Vert. of M/Y at W9892, 8000', 90° at 1650 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1610-1715. WEATHER: 10/10 at 1100' E of Rhine S of Stuttgart, vis 3 to 5 miles in heavy haze.

B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Stuttgart area. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 511 P/R 19, 20/22/59

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1555-1725. To P/R in Karlsruhe area; OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Rastett appears 90% serv, 8 or 10 bomb craters in yard. One bomb crater 25 yards from track at R-4122. Observations along special rail routes restricted due to haze. 1 pontoon ferry, 20 ft long, carrying 1 M/T on left bank of river at R-2322. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vert. of M/Y at R-3429, 6000', 130°, at 1700 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1710. WEATHER: Ground haze, vis 3 to 5 miles.

B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe area. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 512 P/R 8, 9, 15, 16/22/57

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1600-1745. To P/R in Heilbron area. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Karlsruhe 1/3 full, 2 locos, S/U, Stat in yard, NMS from Karlsruhe to Pforzheim. Pforzheim M/Y 1/2 full, 4 trains, 30-40 B/C each, 3 of which are S/U, Stat, fac E and 1 S/U Stat, Fac W. A/D at R-9741 appears serv, NMS. 1 train, 40 B/C, Stat, S/U, fac N at S-0242. No rail cuts obs between R-8140 and R-9941. No rail cuts obs between S-0241 and S-0560. M/Y at Heilbronn, 1/3 full, unable to obs activity. NMS from Heilbronn to R-7454. 1 rail cut at R-7454. No rail cuts obs between R-7249 and R-8240. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H, at R-9741. PHOTOS: Vert. OF RR cut at R-7454, 4000', 70°, at 1645 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1625-1730. WEATHER: 3/10 at base of 6000', with heavy haze.

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B. 1 F6-C & F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Heilbronn area. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 513 TR/4/22/4

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1630-1800. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T mvg N at R-2258. 1 M/T mvg N at R-2663. 1 M/T (Bus) mvg S at R-2162. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1650-1746. WEATHER: Haze over entire area.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 514 TR/15/22/8

A. 2 F6-C's from 1655-1825. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Kaiserslautern, 1 train, 12 B/C mvg W. 1 train, 10 B/C mvg E into M/Y at Worms. 1 train, 10 B/C mvg E into M/Y at Ludwigshaven, yard 1/4 full. 1 train, 15 B/C mvg S out of yard at Ludwigshaven. M/Y at Germersheim 3/4 full, 1 train 30 B/C, S/U, Stat, fac NW in Yard. M/Y Karlsruhe 1/2 full 1 loco mvg E at R-4248. M/Y at Durlach 1 train, 20 B/C, mvg E. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1715-1800. WEATHER: 8/10 at 8000' Karlsruhe area, vis 5 miles in heavy haze.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONAL NO. 515 TR/27/22/12

A. 2 F6-D's from 1635-1805. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: No rail movement observed from Offenburg to Freiburg. M/Y at W-0873 has large fire in it. 1 large M/T mvg SE at W-0848. A/D at W-0735 appears serv, NMS. M/Y at Freiburg 1/2 full of B/C, 1 loco S/U, N end of town. NMS from Freiburg to W-5728. From W-2833 to W-5728 there is 1 barage balloon every one to two miles along RR at 600-1000' M/Y at W-5728 is 1/3 full B/C, NMS. M.Y at W-5440 is 2/3 full B/C, appears 1/3 serv. M/Y at W-5727 is 1/3 full B/C, NMS. NMS from W-5728 to Offenburg. 2 RR cuts at W-5750. RR tracks cut at W-5466. M/Y at W-5456 is 1/2 full of B/C, NMS. M/Y at W-2765 has 40 B/C, NMS. M/Y at W-2179 has 50-60 B/C. M/Y Offenburg, S side, 1 loco S/U, yard appears 10% serv. Large fire in M/Y at W-0798. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1655-1745. WEATHER: Heavy ground haze, vis into sun 1/2 mile, down sun 4-5 miles.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3834, TR/16/23/23

A. 2 F6C's from 09:15 to 11:30 to recce & photo Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Heilbronn, Heidelburg, Bruchsal. OBSNS: 8 locos SU in M/Y Karlsruhe, called to Controller. 1 train 15 cars SU (type UB) fcg E in Pforzheim M/Y. 1 MT E R-7837. 1 MT E R-8139. 2 large MTs mvg B/W R-9344. 1 Horse drawn transport E R-8940. 1 train 10 boxcars mvg S-0237. 10 oil tankcars 10 boxcars on RR at R-8041. 2 locos SU fcg W & 75 boxcars in M/Y at S-0341. M/Y Heilbronn ½ filled. 1 train 50 cars (type UB) mvg at S-0865. 30-40 barges stat in R at S-0763. 4 MTs stat fcg S at R-9877. 1 train 10 passenger & 30 boxcars mvg SE at R-9592. 1 barge mvg S at R-8392. 10 barges loaded stat at R-8189. 2 locos SU 100 plus boxcars M/Y Heildelberg. 1 MT E R-6374. 3 locos SU in M/Y Bruchsal. M/Y Bruchsal ½ filled. 1 MT mvg E R-6159. 1 MT mvg S R-5957. 6 large MTs & 1 Hdt milling around vic of R-4346, called to Controller. B/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense, inaccurate R-7941. PHOTOS: M/Ys Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Heilbronn successful. R/C: Poor. TOA: 09:35 to 11:10. WEATHER: CAVU w/ground haze.
B. (i) 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4:30 .. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO.3835, TR/5/23/15

A. 2 F6C's from 09:15 to 11:45 to recce & photo Saarbrucken, Q-4591, Neunkirchen, Sweibrucken. OBSNS: Bridges at Q-424712, Q-444711 & Q-459707 still intact. Bridge at Q-474696 U/C. 4 MTs mvg N Q-5173. 1 large van N out of Saarbrucken. 3-4 MTs into Saarbrucken, 30 plus MTs scattered all directions mostly N & S in Saarbrucken; ST Wendell area. NMS Saarbrucken - Saarlautern. At Q-455908 1 train 30 plus cars, only last 10 cars obsed clearly and were flatcars loaded w/MTs and camouflaged, stat, fcg W. XIX TAC F/B's hit train, with 2 near misses and cut track at Q-462908. 3 locos St Ingbert M/Y. 1 was train of 10 plus boxcars and/or gondolas, mvg E in yards. 1 was train of 7?? passenger cars or oil cars stat fcg W SU in yards. 1 loco was swithh engine. 30 plus cars in yards. Appeared to be approx 5 plus locos in area between Saarbrucken and Neunkirchen but area covered by ground fog and close observation restricted. Could have been factories in operation. 2 locos switching coal cars in yards at Homburg. 6 MTs mostly W Zweibrucken-Pirmasens. 1 large van N into Zweibrucken. B/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert of Q-455908 & Q-752662 successful. R/C: Good. TOA: 09:40 to 11:20. WEATHER: Ground fog and hvy haze below 2000'.
B. (i) 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 670. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3836, TR/20/23/19

A. 2 F6C's from 09:15 to 11:45 to recce Kehl, Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Stuttgarg, Freudenstatt, OBSNS: 2 Locos SU fcg S & M/Y ¼ filled at Offenburg. 100 boxcars M/Y at W-1795. 1 MT S at R-2705. 1 MT S at R-2908. 150 boxcars M/Y at R-3015. 150 boxcars M/Y at R-3015. 2 MTs mvg BW R-3423. 1 MT mvg N R-3426. NMS Rastatt-Freudenstatt. 1 MT mvg S into Freudenstatt. 3 locos SU fcg E and M/Y ¾ filled at W-7183. 1 MT with 2 lge tlrs mvg S at R-8807. 2 locos SU 150 plus boxcars M/Y at R-9311. 5 locos SU MY Stuttgart, no of cars UB due to fov. 12 locos SU & M/Y 3/4 filled at S-0531. 1 train 60 boxcars mvg N S-0549. 2 MTs mvg S at R-8958. 1 MT mvg S at R-8542. 2 MTs mvg BW R-8242. 1 MT mvg W R-8240. 1 MT mvg W R-7535. 2 locos SU fcg E & M/Y ¾ filled Pforzheim R-7233. 40 Light colored rly cars on siding at R-6833.~~but no of cars UB~~. 3 locos SU ~~but no of cars~~ UB in M/Y R-7219. 250 boxcars in M/Y at R-6140. 5 locos S SU in M/Y Karlsruhe R-4844. 1 MT mvg S at R-5548. 1 MT mvg S at R-5449. 1 MT mvg S at R-4848. 2 MTs mvg BW R-4657. 1 MT mvg S into Rastatt. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 09:45 to 11:25. WEATHER: CAVU with ground haze.

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B. (i) 2F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3837, TR/17/23/24

A. 2 F60's from 10:35 to 13:00 to recce & photo Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 3 MTs mvg N at R-6257. 1 loco SU fcg S in M/Y Bruchsal. M/Y Bruchsal 1/3 filled w/boxcars & empty gondolas; called in to Controller. 10 MTs stattered mvg N between R-7178 & Heidelberg. 5 locos SU in M/Y Heidelberg. M/Y Heidelberg 1/3 filled. 50 hospital coaches stat on RR at R-6295. 2 locos SU fcg S in M/Y Mannheim. M/Y Mannheim 1/4 filled w/boxcars, few empty flat cars. 30 boxcarson siding at R-7787. 1otrain 10 passenger cars mvg N at R-9298. M/Y Heilbronn 1/2 filled. 50 plus lge barges in R at S-0763. 10 plus TE A/C dispersed in woods on SE and W side of A/F at R-9539. 1 loco SI fcg W 1 train 30 boxcars mvg E in M/Y at Pforzheim. 1 MT mvg E into Pforzheim. 2 MTs mvg N at R-4040. E/A: Nil. E/F: Hvy, scatt, insce AH Mannheim. PHOTOS: A/F R-9539 successful. TOA: 11:00-12:35. WEATHER: Cavu w/ground haze. R/C: Good.

B. (i) 2F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3838, TR/6/23/16

A. 2 F60's from 10:45 to 13:00 to recce Saarbrucken, Kaiserlautern, Homburg, Bitche. OBSNS: Bridges at Q-424712, Q-459707, Q-459705, Q-467702 & Q-474696 intact. Bridges at Q-437708, Q-444711, Q-458708 out.
2 switch engines in yards at Homburg; about 1/3 filled. 1 train 40 plus boxcars mvg SW from Kaiserlautern. 1 loco SU Kaiserlautern M/Y. No activity Neunkirchen M/Y. Practically empty. Kaiserlautern M/Ys 1/3 filled. Zweibrucken M/Y practically empty, no activity. 4 MTs scatt BW Homburg to Kaiserlautern. NMS Homburg to Zweibrucken-Bitche on main or secondary roads. Q-4691, train of 40 plus cars (typeUE) burning at several places w/loco on fire. NMS St Wendell to Neunkirchen. 1 MT mvg NE Saarbrucken to Neunkirchen. 1 large MT and 4 small MTs mvg NE from Saarlautern. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 11:00 to 12:45. WEATHER: Hvy ground haze.

B. (i) 2 F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3839, TR/21/23/20

A. 2 F60's from 10:30 to 13:05 to recce Kehl, Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Stuttgart and Freudenstadt. OBSNS: 2 MTs mvg S out of Rastatt at R-3023, 1 w/trailer. No activity at Karlsruhe M/Y, yards about ⅓ filled with mostly boxcars. 3 MTs scattered mvg W between R-6441 & R-6140. 1 MT mvg SW into Pforzheim at R-7335. 5 A/C parked closely together at NE corner of Malmsheim A/D (R-8621). A/D appears serviceable. Runway at S-0910 serviceable with 3 T/E and 4 S/E A/C on A/D. Large camouflaged group of bldgs (possibly factory area) with 2 different sections of 8-10 bldgs ea at R-9611. 1 loco with what appeared to be 3 coal cars mvg N into M/Y at Boblingen. 1 HE 111 and 1 S/S A.C at Boblingen A/D. Runway at this A.D appears unserviceable from bomb damage. NMS Boblingen, Herrenberg. A/D at W-8395 in good condition with about 2 S/E and 4 T/E A/C (serviceability of A/C undetermined). A/D at W-7889 in goodcondition but with no A/C 2 MTs mvg N at R-2101. 2 MTs mvg N at W-1688. Large fire at W-0699. 2 MTs mvg through town of Baden-Baden. 2 MTs mvg E into Baden-Baden. 3 MTs mvg BW between Gernsbach-R-4116. 4 scattered MTs on roads R-4125, to R-4030, mvg all directions. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Very Good. TOA: 11:05 to 12:50. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (iii) & (ii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3840, TR/7/23/17

A. 2 F 60's from 13:20 to 15:20 to recce Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, St. Wendel, Neunkirchen, Pirmasens, Bithce, Zweibrucken, Neunirchen. OBNSNS: 12 empty barges in R at Saarbrucken; 3 pushed up on bank. 10 MTs mvg E into Saarbrucken at Q-4072. 4 MTs parked fcg N in town at Q-3379. 4 MTs mvg N Q-3680. 2 MTs parked fcg N Q-4697. 2 MTs mvg W into town at Q-5099. 1 MT mvg S into St. Wendel at Q-6098. 2 MTs mvg N and 2 Mvg S Q-5893. M/Y at Neunkirchen about 1/5 filled with mostly boxcars. 3 MTs mvg W into Neunkirchen at Q-6284. 1 MT mvg N at Q-6686. M/Y at Homburg about 1/5 filled with boxcars. M/Y at Zweibrucken about 1/4 filled with boxcars, little activity. 3 MTs mvg W from Q-8771 to Q-8169. 1 MT mvg S Q-8766. 2 ADV very long mvg S Q-8862. 3 MTs mvg NW Q-7965. 25 plus MTs mvg NE from Saarbrucken to Q-6578. 12 plus MTs mvg SW from Q-6578 to Saarbrucken (called to controller). 1 loco with 20 cars fcg E, 2 cars appeared to be loaded flatcars; this loco had no SU, Q-6276. 1 switch engine mvg W in M/Y at St. Ingbert. 1 MT mvg N out of town at Q-6471. 3 MTs mvg E at Q-6571. 1 MT mvg N at Q-6671. 3 MTs mvg E at Q-6571. ~~Parked at Q-4985~~. 2 HDV mvg S Q-4375. 4 MTs parked at Q-4985 fcg N and 2 parked at Q-5187 also facing N. 1 MT mvg S and 2 MTs mvg N at Q-4818. 2 MTs mvg N at Q-4975. E/A: 1 ME 262 at 20000' heading W , no contact. E/F: Hvy, scant acc at town Q-3284. R/O: Good. TOA: 13:40 to 15:00. WEATHER: CAVU w/slight ground haze.
B. (i) 2f60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (iii) & (ii) : Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3841, TR/18/23/25

A. 2 F 60's from 13:25 to 15:55 to recce & photo Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn. OBSNS: M/Y at Karlsruhe severely damaged, 75 plus boxcars there are serviceable. 2 MTs mvg S out of Bruchsal. 1 MT mvg S at R-5868. 1 military hospital in SE part of Brychsal. 70 cars, 1/3 flat, rest box in M/Y at Bruchsal. 60 boxcars 20 of which are tankers and 1 loco SU My/Y at R-6188. 10 plus MTs mvg N through Waldrof (R-6679). 1 hospital train with 20 plus cars fcg S with SU at R-4994. 1 MT mvg SE out of Mannheim. 1 loco with 35 plus boxcars mvg NW in Mannheim M/Y. 1 loco SU dir HO in M/Y at Mannheim. Mannheim M/UY about 1/2 filled with mostly boxcars. 1 loco, no cars, mvg S at R-6296. 3 locos with SU in Heidelberg M/Y. 3 barges in R at Heidelberg empty. 1 loco with 30 plus cars mvg NE at R-8352. 6 barges in R at R-8190, 3 of which were covered. 1 MT mvg N at R-9000. 1 loco with 20 plus cars in M/Y at R-8395, mvg N. 18 barges 6 of which were loaded in R from R-9177 to R-8594. 20 plus boxcars covered from R-9786 to R-9986. 10 barges 5 of which were covered in R at Gundersheim (S-0478) 5 MTs mvg W at R-9669. 1 MT mvg W at S-0766. 7 MTs mvg NE into Heilbronn, also 25 barges 10 of which were covered in R at Heilbronn. 100 plus cars in Heilbronn M/Y., no activity in this M/Y. 5 plus T/E A/C in dispersal area at Sachseniheim, appeared to be JU 88; field appeared in good condition. 1 loco SU with 10 plus boxcars in M/Y at Mulachen. 3 locos with SU and 100 plus boxcars in M/Y at Borzheim (called to controller) 10 passenger cars sitting on siding just NW of Pforzheim. 10 pluscars burning at R-3957. 10 plus cars burning at R-4333 (could not identify type due to flame ans smoke. 60 plus boxcars W-1396 to W-1794.
E/A: Nil
E/F: Hvy, scant, inacc at Mannheim
Hvy, scant, inacc in area W-1396 to W-1794.
PHOTOS: Verticals of Sachsenheim A/D & W-1396 to W-1794 successful. R/O: Good.
TOA: 13:40 to 15:40. WEATHER: CAVU w/ground fog Sudwigsberg area.
B. (i) 2 F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3842, TR/22/23/21

A. 2 F6O's from 13:40 to 15:50 to recce Kehl, Karlsuhe, Bobligen, Ferudenstadt. OBSNS: 5 HDV mvg W R-3216. 2 MTs scatt mvg N R-3011 to R-3320. 1 MT mvg SW into Rastatt. 2 MTs scatt mvg SW from Karlsruhe on autobahn. 1 MT mvg N on autobahn at Karlsruhe. NMS Karlsruhe to Pforzheim. 1 loco mvg N into Pforzheim and 1 loco stat in yards. 1 MT mvg SE on autohahn R-9422. R-3014: 1 train of 30 plus box-cars burning. No activity on Malmsheim A/D. 2 T/E stat in NE end of Heilfingen A/D, W-8593. Large piles of lumber along RR tracks at Freudenstadt. 1 train approx 60 cars no loco observed at W-1695. about 10 cars were empty flatcars, the rest were boxcars and about 10 light tank boxcars. Called to controller. Boycott flight came to attack cars. 4 direct hits were observed onthe cars and rails just W of train. Brutus Yellow flight circled above target and took BDA photo of it. 3 MTs in town stat, 3 MTs at W-1194, called to controller. 50 plus troops marching S along road at W-1490. NMS Haguenau to R-2125. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 13:55 to 15:35. WEATHER: CAVU, haze.
B. (i) 2F6O's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 40. (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3843, TR/22/23/27

A. 2 F6O's from 14:35 to 16:55 to recce Neunkirchen, St. Wendel, Kirn, Bad Kreuznach, Kaiserlautern. OBSNS: 1 MT mvg N at Q-4774. 3 MTs mvg S Q-5178. 1 MT mvg N Q-5178. 1 MT mvg E in Neunkirchen. NMS Neunkirchen to St Wendell, to L-5408. 1 MT stat fcgSat L-5711. 2 MTs mvg SW at L-7830. 2 MTs mvg S at L-9524. NMS Kirn to Bad Kreuznach. 1 train 15 boxcars fcg W, 2 locos SU, in M/Y Kaiserlautern. NMS Kaiserlautern to Bad Kreuznach. 2 MTs mvg W M-0225. 3 HDTs mvg S at L-9602. 2 HDTs mvg S at Q-9684. 1 MT mvg W at Q-8770. 5 HDTs, 1 MT mvg E, 1 lge MT mvg W at Q-8272. 1 HDT mvg S at Q-6976. 2 MTs mvg NE at Q-7283. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt, scant, inacc AA at L-8010. Lt, mod inacc AAAat Bad Kreuznach. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 14:55 to 16:35. WEATHER: CAVU, w/haze.
B. (i) 2F6O's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3844, P-171 Sortie 227

A. 2F6O's from 15:15 to 16:30 to Photo Homburg, fuel & ammo dump. Verticals of Q-6890 23 target area well covered with bomb pattern. Debris from explosions, and Q-6884 25 possible supply dump both sides of clearing, not bombed. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: successful. R/C: Good. TOA: 15:30 to 16:15. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2F6O's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) ~~xiix~~ 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3845, TR/8/23/18.

A. 2F6O's from 16:15 to 18:00 to recce Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, St. Wendel, Homburg, Pirmasens, Bitche. OBSNS: M/Y at Q-4090 had 50 plus boxcars but no locos. 50 50 plus boxcars in M/Y at Q4490. 1 MT mvg E out of Saarlautern. M/Y at St.Wendel about 1/3 filled with boxcars. Series of flashes and violent fires appeared to be possible ammo dump at Q-5278. 1 MT mvg N out of Homburg. Further obsns impossible due to haze and approaching darkness. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil R/C: Good. TOA: 16:30 to 17:45. WEATHER: CAVU w/hvy ground haze.
B. (i) 2F6O's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3846, TR/23/23/22

A. 2F60's from 16:00 to 18:00 to recce Kehl, Freudenstadt, Boblingen, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 50 boxcars 20 empty gondolas that had been bombed by F/Bs at W-1894. NMS R-1894 to Freudenstadt. M/Y at W-7193 4/5 filled. 1 loco mvg E at W-7686. 2 T/E A/C on NE corner of A/F at W-8393. NMS W-7686 toR-9510. E/A: 15 ME's109 see N. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:20 to 17:40. WEATHER: CAVU w/ground haze.

B. (i) 2F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): NIl. (viii): 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 1200. (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. 2 ME 109's DES (ii) Nil. (iii) Nil.

Note, Per A, E/A: Controller called out ME 109s at Pforzheim. Mission heard Brutus Green flight over Karlsruhe fighting ME 109s. Mission started towards Karlsruhe and circled over Karlsruhe could not go higher then 15000' because wing man had no oxygen. Mission saw 15 ME 109's flying E. Mission closed in on rear of MEs. Leader attacked one ME109 fired and saw strikes and flames emit from ME and immediately after the canopy of ME popped off and pilot bailed out. The ME spun down towards east. Leader broke away saw a plane and chased it which turned out to be another P-51; leader then broke off and climbed back up towards MEs and attempted to make contact with wing man. Made contact with wing man who said he was over Karlsruhe at 8000' with 8 MEs on his tail. Leader dived down to assist wing man, picked up wing man but MEs had broken away. Last by wing man the 8 MEs were climbing up for altitude and to join other MEs over Karlsruhe. Mission then returned to base. Claim 1 Me109 DES.

When the leader fired at the one ME which was destroyed, the wing man broke after another ME 109 and closed to 100 yds on his rear and fired, observing strikes hit the left wing then wing man dived and came up underneath ME and raked the bottom of the E/A with fire then wing man cut back on his throttle and pulled up on right side of the ME fired at ME shooting off the right flaps, hit cockpit and observed pilot slump forward. Flames emitted from ME and the ME out of control and in flames headed for earth. Wing man then attempted to make contact with leader but was attacked from above front left by 4 ME 109s and rear quarter by approx 12 MEs, at 17000'. Wing man then dived and finally pulled out at 2000'. MEs had broken away from wing man at approx 4000'. Wing man then climbed to 8000' where he joined leader. The 4 MEs mentioned a few lines above attacked wing man from the front and fired from same position. Claim 1 ME 109 destroyed.

OPERATIONS NO. 3847, TR/19/23/26

A. 2F60's from 16:10 to 17:50 to recce Kehl, Freudstadt, Boblingen. OBSNS: 25 flatcars with MTs on them at Landay,-called to controller. 2 sections of RR cars at R-3972. About 10-15 were flatcars with MTs and the rest were boxcars, no loco, called to controller. 1 train 8 boxcars SW in Karlsruhe M/Y. 4 locos SW in yards. NMS Kalrsruhe to Pforzheim. E/A: Mission flying E at Pforzheim at 16:45 hrs spotted 20 ME 109s flying S at 10,000' at Pforzheim. Called to Controller, made 270° turn, climbing. Forced to make defensive climb up to 23000'. Leader got on tail of a 4 ME 109 formation and fired at outside man on right. Saw strikes and flames come from left wing. Weaver saw pilot bail out. The other 3 ME 109s broke away. Leader made deflection shot at one of them, the ME 109 pulled up, stalled and pilot bailes out and plane went into spin. Weaver made a pass at one ME 109 going away from him. Fired at him, he pulled up canopy flew off to left, pilot bailed out and plane went into a wing over. Leader started after his weaver. ME 109 flew in between weaver and leader. Leader fired at ME saw smoke and fire coming from plane, and plane went into vertical dive. Weaver saw pilot bail out. Weaver then spotted 4 ME 109's about 6000yds at 90° to him. Weaver fired 30° shot at one ME saw strikes on the plane, but pilot of ~~plane went straight down. near~~ an ME 109 nearby, in the flight, bailed out and plane went straight down. Weaver made a 90° left, saw an ME 109 diving, weaver followed, ME pulled up and weaver followed again, fired at him and saw strikes. ME then went into sudden dive and weaverlost him. Weaver saw another and followed him and went into tight turn. ME dumped full flaps, weaver fired at him and saw strikes on right wing and radiator under fuselage. Weaver overshot and lost sight of him. Saw another plane about 600 yds ahead. Began firing at him, saw strikes in fuselage and ME began to give out white and black smoke. In meantime, leader's elevator was partly shot off. Tried to get back at weaver, an ME 109 flew in front of him and leader fired at him, observing strikes on fuselage, closed to 30 yds firing short bursts, overran him and broke to right. Started to return to base, saw 2 ME 109's heading him off and

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leader dumped flaps, swung in on second man and fired observing strikes on canopy wings and fuselage; and fired until 20 yds from ME 109. Could'nt follow him so dove for deck and returned to base. Weaver in the meantime was trying to find his leader, made 90° turn and saw an ME 109 above him going into a wingover to attack him. Weaver broke to right, dumped flaps and ME broke out from wingover and turned away from weaver. Weaver got inside of ME 109 and began firing. ME dumped flaps and when weaver kept firing, pilot bailed out and was almost hit by weaver as he went past. Plane went over on its back and went straight down. An ME 109 got on his tail, weaver made two turns spirals and headed for Karlsruhe, and got light flak from the town. Then flew to base. The leader after having hit the outside man of the 4 ME 109 formation saw 3 white stripes and 2 black stripes each about 6 inches wide near empanage. Most of specimens were white. Some ME 109s had fixed tail wheels, some did not.

E/F: Scant, acc LAA Karlsruhe. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:25 to 17:35. WEATHER: CAVU, with thin layer of clouds at 25000'.

B. (i) 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (ii) to (vi): Nil. (vii) 1 F6C, E/A, Elevator partly shot off, 1st Echelon. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 1750. (iii) Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. (i) 6 ME's 109(DES). (ii) 1 ME(PD). (iii) 4 ME 109 DAM.

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FROM : 162 Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 161 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 23 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 516 TR/1/23/1

A. 2 F6Cs from 0920-1140. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 2 M/T moving SW at R-0555. 1 M/T moving S at R-0753. 35 box cars and 7 coal cars on main track at R-2234, 3 cars of which are burning. 5 coal cars on siding at R-0938. Town of Mutterhausen, Q-7943 appears to be half destroyed. 1 M/T moving S at Q-9839, 1 M/T moving S at Q-9937. 3 artillery positions at R-1238 and 2 artillery positions at R-0935. 1 large fire in town at Q-8930. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L at R-2226. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 0935-1125. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis. 3-5 miles.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:40 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 517 TR/12/23/5

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1000-1220. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Landau 3/4 full, NMS. 10 Flat cars loaded with M/T at R-2365(Called to Controller). 5 tank-cars on siding at R-2467 and 5 tank cars at R-2367(Called to controller). 1 Loco appearing to be damaged at R-2356. 45 B/C, 15 tank cars on main track at R-2656(Called to Controller). F/B started fire in one car. 30 gondola cars on main track at R-2753. 30 B/C 10 tank cars on main track at R-3054. M/Y Neustadt 3/4 full, 6 locos, S/U, STAT, facing E(Called to controller) Smoke coming from tunnel at R-2189. 50 Gondola cars on siding at R-2485(Couldn't contact controller). ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: M-A-1, R-3155. PHOTOS: Vertical, Supply dump, R-1855, 6500', 235°, at 1055 hours. Vertical, train, R-2656, 4000', 105°, at 1140 hrs. Vertical, train, R-2656,3000' at 1149(BDA). Vertical, Flat cars, loaded with M/T, R-2365, 4000', 255°, at 1130. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1155. WEATHER: Ceiling Unlimited, 2-4 miles heavy haze.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:40 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 518 TR/24/23/9

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0920-1120. To recce on Route "2" OBSERVATIONS: Offenburg, M/Y 3/4 full, NMS. M/Y at W-1971 1/2 full NMS. M/Y Villingen 3/4 full, NMS. M/Y W-4728 has 40 box cars, NMS. Freiburg M/Y 3/4 full, 6 of which appear to be oil cars. Town at V-9656 has large fire. M/Y at R-2503had 40 box cars, NMS. Rastatt M/Y empty. Karlsruhe M/Y is 1/2 full, 2 loco S/U in yard. 1 Train, 10 box cars moving W from Durlach. 1 Loco, 1 gondola, moving N at R-5348. NMS from Karlsruhe to Offenburg. NMS from Freiburg to Villingen. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0940-1100. WEATHER: Ground haze up to 2000', vis haze unlimited.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route "2" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
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G. Nil
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OPERATIONS NO. 519 TR/9/23/13

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0935-1205. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Homburg, 2/5 full, 2 locos working. Staff car moving E at Q-7887. 100 mixed box cars and gondolas at Q-7887. 50 Box cars on siding E of Landstuhl. M/Y W of Kaiserlautern 1/3 full, 1 train, 20 cars, STAT, S/U, facing W. 2 Large hospitals, 3-5 ambulances, 2 miles SE of Landstuhl. 50 Box cars and several pass. cars on siding W of Landstuhl. M/Y SE of Kaiserlautern 1/3 full, 1 train, 30-40 cars, STAT, S/U, facing E. All bridges observed between Bad Kreuznach and Pudesheim appear serv. RR & RWY bridgex at M-0835 appear serv. M/Y Sobernheim 1/2 full. 3 Locos, STAT, S/U, facing E. 5 Flat cars with possible M/T in M/Y at Sobernheim. M/Y Kirn 1/2 full, NMS. 1 Train, 12 flat and passenger cars, STAT, facing S at 1-5509. M/Y at St. Wendell, 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Neunkirchen 1/2 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0955-1145. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "C" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 5:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 520 ARTY/A/15/28/23/32

A. 2 F6Ds from 1145-1410. To recce & Arty/R in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Contacted Btry at 1215. Radio contact was excellent. Fired on T/G at Q-71907245. Could not observe any bursts. 5 Rounds were fired by Btry. Fired on T/G at Q-699743. 5 Rounds were fired by Btry. Could not observe rounds. Btry told pilot to return to base. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Excellent TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1400. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited. Vis. 5-7 miles.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "B" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:50 Hours.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 521 TR/2/23/2

A. 2 F6Cs from 1200-1405. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 Pontoon approx. 10 feet long on W bank of Rhine at R-3728. 2 buildings on fire Bischofen Q-9129 2 M/T mvg W at R-1956. 20 B/C on RR at R-2456. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Oblique, camouflaged buildings, Q-9895, 2500', 90°at 1300 hrs. RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1220-1340. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis. 5-8 mi.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:10 Hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 522 TR/13/23/6

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1155-1405. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: No rail movement Hagenau to Landau. 1 Large M/T moving W at R-2560. 2 Scattered M/T moving N into Landau. Landau M/Y 1/4 full, no activity. NMS from Pirmasens to Landau. NMS from Landau to Neustadt. M/Y SE of Neustadt 1/3 full, no activity. M/Y at R-4588 1/4 full, no activity. Ludwigshafen is 1/3 full, 2 locos in M/Y 1 of which with S/U. 1 Train 40 box cars moving E into Worms. 10 Scattered M/T all directions Kaiserlautern to Frankenthal. 2 M/T STAT, facing S at Q-9684. Pirmasens M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. NMS from Germersheim to Lauterburg. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1330. WEATHER: CAVU with ground haze in Mts.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D", (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:20 Hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 40 rds. (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION NO. 523 TR/25/23/10

A. 2 F6Cs from 1205-1410. To recce on Route "2". OBSERVATIONS: Large grey objects among lumber piles at W-0662. Freiburg M/Y 1/2 full B/C, no activity. NMS Offenburg-Freiburg-Villingen. Barrage balloons at 1500' at 1 mile intervals staggered in valley from Freiburg to W-3523. Villingen M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. NMS from Villingen to Offenburg. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO - CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1225-1345. WEATHER: Ground haze, vis. 6 miles, ceiling unlimited.

B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Route "2". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:10 Hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

MISSION NO. 524 TR/10/23/14

A. 2 F6Cs from 1205-1410 To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Pirmasens appears unserv. 100 box cars on siding at Q-9074. NMS on RR from Pirmasens to Kaiserlautern M/Y W Kaiserlautern 1/2 full, 1 train 40 box cars, S/U, STAT, facing E. 7 flat cars and 8 box cars on main track at M-0512. NMS on RR from Kaiserlautern to Bad Kreuznach. 2 M/T headed N into Bad Kreuznach. 10 Camouflaged buildings in woods at M-1232 All bridges from Bad Kreuznach to Kirn are serv. Approx 200 box cars on siding at Kirn (L-8032). 300 Box cars on siding at L-8006. 200 Box cars on main track at L-8004. 120 Box cars, 20 flat cars on siding at L-8006. 200 Box cars on main track at L-8004. 120 Box cars, 20 flat cars, on siding at Q-8890. M/Y S Kaiserlautern appears 1/2 serv., NMS. M/Y Homburg 1/3 full, NMS. Factories in Neunkirchen appear to be active. M/T at St. Wehdwll 1/2 full, NMS. Large hospital at Q-9758. 60 Dark colored box cars on main track at [redacted]. L-5801. 5 Rail cuts at L-5409. 200 Flat cars and box cars on main track at L-5912. NMS on RR from L-5912 to Oberstein. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L Kaiserlautern PHOTOS: Oblique of Supply Dump at M-1232, 6000', 90°, at 1245. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1220-1350. WEATHER: CAVU -except Homburg 1-2 miles in haze.

B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (ii-iii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:10 Hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

MISSION NO. 525 TR/3/23/3

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1430-1600 To recce in Area "A" OBSERVATIONS: 1 Building on fire in town of Mistes (Q-9332). 1 M/T moving E at Q-9533. Possible small ammo dump at Q-9033, on W edge of woods. 2 Flat cars, one of which unusually long appearing to be empty, at Q-9334. RR bridge at Rastatt appears to be serv. 6 HWY bridges serv. M/Y Rastatt empty appears 1/2 serv. 50-60 box cars in M/Y at R-2327, NMS. M/Y at Wissemburg empty, appears to be 1/2 serv. Possible supply dump at R-0245. Approx 10 M/T all moving N between Hagenau and R-0836. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Vertical of bridge at R-3429, 6500', 120°, at 1500 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: VERY GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1445-1545. WEATHER: CAVU.

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
B. Nil F. Nil
C. 3:00 Hours. G. Nil
D. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

MISSION NO. 526 TR/ 14/23/7

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1430-1645 To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Pirmasens M/Y 1/4 full, no activity. Landau M/Y 3/4 full, no activity. NMS from Landau to Pirmasens. Neustadt M/Y 2/3 full, no activity. NMS on Autobahn from Frankenthal to Kaiserlautern. No rail activity from Kaiserlautern to Worms. M/Y at M-3916 1/2 full, no activity. Ludwigshafen M/Y 1/2 full, no activity. Germersheim has barrage balloons at 1500 ft. ENEMY AIR: 2 ME-262s moving NE from Kaiserlautern 17-20,000', at 1530 hrs. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-H at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Vertical for BDA at R-2268, 7000', 180°, at 1500. Vertical for BDA at R-2268, 6000', 360°, at 1530. Vertical of barracks at R-4080, 6000', 180°, at 1545. Vertical of Bridge at R-4248, 6000', 90°, at 1600 hr. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1620.

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MISSION NO. 526 Cont'd. TR/14/23/7

WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:30 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

MISSION NO. 527 TR/26/23/11

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1430-1635. To recce in Route "2". OBSERVATIONS: Offenberg M/Y badly damaged, 1/3 full, NMS. Rail cut in M/Y at W-5440. Dump in NW part of Donau Eachingen. 15-20 box cars in M/Y at Donau Eachingen. 15 Locos, STAT, facing BW at W-5221 in row. 25 Hospital cars at W-5221. 100 Mixed cars on siding at W-4520, NMS. Possible supply dump at W-4520. 8 Barrage balloons, 1000-1500; between W-2525 and W-1529. 6 Barrage balloons 1000-1500', E of Freiburg. 50 Box cars at W-0430. A/D at Freiburg damaged but serv. no A/C or activity. 2 M/T moving into Emmendingen. Dump at W-0458. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1455-1600. WEATHER: CAVU, heavy haze.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking "Route 2". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F.Nil
D. 4:10 Hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

MISSION NO. 528 TR/4/23/4

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1600-1800. To recce in Area "A" OBSERVATIONS: 2 M/T and 4 HDT, scattered, moving N on HWY from R-0834 to R-1250. No other observations. ENEMY AIR: 2 Jet a/c headed W over Hagenau at approx. 25,000'. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H at R-4572. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1620-1740. WEATHER: Ceiling Unlimited, vis. 5 miles in haze.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

MISSION NO. 529 TR/15/23/8

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1600-1815. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Worms 1/3 full, 1 train, 15 cars, STAT, facing N. Rail cut at M-1811 in 3 places. ENEMY AIR: 12 ME-109s and 10-15 ME-109s in vicinity of Karlsruhe, flying 17-18,000', flying NW at 1720 hrs. 8 Me-109s, 20 miles NE of Karlsruhe at 18000', flying NW at 1730 hours. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1625-1750. WEATHER: CAVU with heavy haze in Pirmasens area.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:30 hours. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) F6B-420, F6C-500. (iii) Nil H. (i) 2⅔ ME-109s DEST by Capt. Williams and ⅔ Dest. by Lt. Perry (ii-iii) Nil

MISSION NO. 530 TR/27/23/12

A. 2 F6Cs from 1615-1815 To recce on Route "2". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/4 full, loco working in yd. 4 or 5 scattered M/T on HWY bet. Smmendingen and Kenzingen, mvg BW. Large permanent supply dump at W-3425. M/Y Villingen appears unserv. M/Y Schweningen appears unserv. M/Y Georgin appears unserv. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, R-1328. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1630-1745 WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, vis. 5 miles.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Route "2" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 329 for 24 hours ending sunset
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3449 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1005A to 1215A. To photo Target: Tactical School at Q-573718, Factory and Ammo Dump - at R-531427, Barracks at Q-600836, Supplies at R-290683, M/Y at R-710334, M/Y at Q-971931, M/Y at R-777888, Ludwigshaven M/Y, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, Supply Dump at R-681888, Lachen/ Speyerdorf A/F, Speyer Area- R-5279. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Tactical School at Q-573718, Factory and Ammo Dump at R-531427, Supplies at R-290683, M/Y at R-710334, M/Y 's at Q-971931, R-777888, Ludwigshaven M/Y at R-590910, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, Supply Dump at R-681888, Lachen/ Speyerdorf A/F - R-5279, Speyer Area - R-5297.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1130A.
WEATHER: Moderate haze in Rhine Valley - smoke and haze in area between Saarbrucken and Neukirchen.
Mission successful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Tactical School at Q-573718, Factory and Ammo Dump - at R-531427, Barracks at Q-600836, Supplies at R-290683, M/Y at R-710334, M/Y at Q-971931, M/Y at R-777888, Ludwigshaven M/Y, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, Supply Dump at R-681888, Lachen/Speyerdorf, A/F, Speyer Area.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 minutes
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3450 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1320A to 1520A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-4680 to Q-5890 to Q-9097 to Q-9073 to Q-5772, OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Barracks at Q-600836, M/Y at Q-543739, Block Coverage: Q-4680 to Q-5890 to Q-9097 to Q-9073 to Q-5772.. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1500A. WEATHER: Light haze in area - contrails at 21,000 ft., Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-4680 to Q-5890 to Q-9097 to Q-9073 to Q-5772.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) nil 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3451 - (35)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1345A to 1530A. To photo Target: Block Coverage : Q-4680 to Q-5890 to Q-9097 to Q-9073 to Q-5772 . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: Pilot noticed Two (2) ME 262 A/C over Ensheim at 23,000 ft., heading West at 1445A. ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-4680 to Q-5890 to Q-9097 to Q-9073 to Q-5772. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1450A. WEATHER: Moderate haze in area. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd,1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-4680 to Q-5890 to Q-9097 to Q-9073 to Q-5772. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
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MISSION U.S. -34/3452 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1600A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. Block: R-2072 to 5072 to 4244 to R-1656. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1530A. WEATHER: Slight haze in area. Mission successful. (Willard O. Davis, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil

D. 2 hrs. 30 minutes

E. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3453 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1550A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716 - (Strip on Rhine.) OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: Two (2) Jet A/C observed over Strassbourg at 15,000 ft., & 25,000 ft., headed West at 1530A. ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. Block: Q-8867 to R-3646 - R-2528 to Q-8849. Block : R-2072 to 5072 to 4544 to R-1656. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1500A. WEATHER: Slight haze in area.
Mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716 - (Strip on Rhine. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 20 minutes.
E. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3454 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1330A to 1515A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-2072 to R-5072 to R-4544 to R-1656. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: Pilot noticed one (1) ME 262 traveling NW from Strassbourg . one (1) ME 262 traveling SE from Saarguemines both at 25,000 ft., approximately eight (8) miles away - no attack. ENEMY FLAK: mil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-2072 to R-5072 to R-4544 to R-1656. , Block: Q-8867 to R-3646 R-2528 to Q-8849. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350A to 1430A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze., Mission successful. (Garland A. York, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-2072 to R-5072 to R-4544 to R-1656. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3455 - (39)

A. 1 P-5E, from 1350A to 1510A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot shot at by P-47 over Arracourt indentified as a member of group stationed at Lureville. Marked with a bolt of lightning on fuselage. Pilot at 10,000 ft., and P-47 approached on heading of approximately 140° and made three(3) passes firing all guns. P-47 left at Lureville.. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1445A. WEATHER: Slight haze in area. Mission successful. (Lawton C. McClothlin, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3456 - (40)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1400A to 1600A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-5494 to R-6090 to R-6089 to R-5489., Block Coverage: 1219 to 2027 to 2818 to 2010. Block Coverage: R-2072 to R-5072 to R-4544 to R-1636., Standenbuhl RR/Bridge, and RR/B at M-178016. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-5494 to R-6090 to R-6089 to R-5489, Block Coverage: 1219 to 2027 to 2818 to 2010. Block Coverage: R-2072 to R-5072 to R-4544 to R-1636. Standenbuhl RR/B - M-172098. and RR/B at M-178016. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445A to 1515A. WEATHER: Moderate haze in Area,
Mission successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-5494nto R-6090 to R-6089 to R-5489, Block Coverage: 1219 to 2027 to 2818 to 2010. Block Coverage: R-2072 to R-5072 to R-4544 to R-1636. Standenbuhl RR/B and RR/B at M-178016.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army

REF: 2/22/45 [redacted] E C R E T

OPREP A No. 556 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 22 February, 1945.

A. Five Beaufighters airborne during the period. First intruder from 18:55 to 20:50. Intruder mission in Frieberg, Karlsruhe, Ludwigshafen, and Neustadt area. Poor visibility in Southern part of Rhine. Flew N to Karlsruhe, but saw no traffic. Damaged single M/T at R-3052. Made a pass at another M/T but misjudged range because of poor visibility. Flew to Neustadt, but observed no activity. Encountered flak at R-2978 and R-1749. Second intruder from 19:50 to 22:05. Patrolled N along E side of River to Karlsruhe and then back to Rastatt. Saw a train heading N on Rastatt-Durlach RR at R-3329 and another locomotive at R-4333. Made four attempts to close on train at R-3329, but lost it in haze each time. Saw train in station at R-2531 and damaged locomotive. Destroyed one locomotive and damaged 10 railway cars at R-3129. Saw two large fires E of Strousbourg. Fired at lights at Offenburg, but didnot observe any results. Third intruder 22:00 to 23:35. Noticed Dinlingen (W-1071) burning fiercly. Saw few scattered lights which disappeared before attack could be made. Saw artillery flares in Strousbourg area. Fourth patrol 22:55 to 01:30. Vectored Easterly and gained altitude. Closed in and identified A/C as Halifax with no IFF showing and doing violent evasive action. Vectored onto bogey and climbed for 25 minutes at 270 MPH. Ran off GCI scope but still had no contact. Vectored onto bogey going West. About four miles away was vectored into bogey. Overshot and bogey kept losing altitude. Got contact at 00:05 hrs. at 3 miles at angels 6 and 270 MPH. Bogey was doing violent evasive action. Closed in to 500 ft and identified A/C as an He III, Angels less than one. Made approach from Port, same altitude, speed 210 MPH. Pulled over to dead astern and below for further identification and bandit cut his throttles back and Beau overshot. Made a turn and saw Bandit behind us. Made a quick orbit about 100 ft off ground and lost Bandit and could not get another AI contact. Fifth patrol 01:20 to 03:55. Routine patrol. Nothing to report.

B. (i) Five Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Five
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Five

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 10:55

E. (i) 30,000 x .303. 5,000 x 20MM
(ii) 1,070 x .303. 210 x 20MM
(iii) None.

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F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 1 Locomotive destroyed
1 Locomotive damaged
10 Railway cars damaged
1 M/T damaged.

Harold F. Augsburger
HAROLD F. AUGSBURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3433 - (28)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1050A to 1220A. To Photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376. Town Area at Q-347713, Ammo at Q-441797. Dump at Q-498833.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050A to 1200A.
WEATHER: Haze in area - middle cloud at SE Portion of assigned area.
Mission successful. (Robert E. Jarrell, Major.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 3 hr. 30 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3434 - (29)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1030A to 1230A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 - Q-5157. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1130a. WEATHER: Very hazy in area - 10/10ths clouds at 18,000 ft., Mission successful. (John H. Fox, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3435 - (30)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1025A to 1145A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157.
OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157. Block : Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050A to 1135A.
WEATHER: Extreme haze.
Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q- 7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 1 hr 20 minutes G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3436 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1025A to 1145A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. Block - Q-8867 to R-3646 to R-2528 to Q-8849. Block: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050A to 1120A. WEATHER: Rhine River Valley cloud covered - wooded area around Bitche cloud covered - much wispy clouds in all areas and at all attituded. Mission successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 20 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3437 - (32)

A. 1 F-5B from 1045A to 1155A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440, Block Q-5872 to Q-8972 to Q-8849 to Q-7440 to Q-7454 to Q-5157, Ammo at Q-441797, Barracks at Q-388666. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1110A to 1135A. WEATHER: CAVU in area - extreme haze and solid overcast at 17,000 ft. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-8849 to R-2529 to R-1716 to Q-7440. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3438 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1035A to 1205A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1145A. WEATHER: 10/10ths cumulus at 8,000 ft., on Rhine River - seems to be dissipating - medium haze., Mission successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3646 to R-4941 to R-3010 to R-1716. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3439 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1030A to 1155A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: M-1219 to M-2027 to M-2818 to M-2010. Block Coverage: R-5494 to R-6089 to R-5489. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block - Q-3590 to Q-5872 to Q-5157 to Q-2376. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1155A. WEATHER: 10/10ths clouds in assigned area - extreme haze in area photographed. Mission partially successful. (William J. Andrea, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: M-1219 to M-2027 to M-2818 to M-2010. Block Coverage: R-5494 to R-6089 to R-5489. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr 25 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3440 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1030A to 1200A. To photo Target: All Bridges Rhine Rive - Karlsruhe to Worms. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: All Bridges on Rhine River from Karlsruhe to Germersheim RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1115A. WEATHER: Three (3) layers of clouds in Northern half of Area - Below 13,000 ft., extreme haze - target area very dark.
Mission partially successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: All Bridges on Rhine River - from Karlsruhe to Worms. (iii) nil
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3441 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1043A to 1243A. To photo Target: Town Area - Q-347713, Dump at Q-498833, Possible RR/Gun at - R-215685, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, M/Y - R-777888, Supply Dump at R-681888, and M/Y at R-590910. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Dump at Q-498833. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1120A to 1140A. WEATHER: Very hazy - targets on Rhine covered 10/10ths by stratus/.
Mission partially successful. (James E. Lively, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Town Area - Q-347713, Dump at Q-498833, Possible RR/Gun at R-215685, Fuel Dump at Q-787992, M/Y at R-777888, Supply Dump at R-681888 and M/Y at R-590910. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3442 - (47)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1430A to 1630A. To photo Target: Rickingen Dam and Locks, Eglisau Dam and Locks, Bondsee Regulation Works. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Target Area covered 10/10ths with stratus - with base at 5,000 ft., Mission unsuccessful. (John H. Fox, Capt.,) Cover Pilot - (Everette, E. Custis, 2nd. Lt.) Mission successful.

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: Rickingen Dam and Locks, Eglisau Dam and Locks, Bondsee Regulation Works.
(iii) Ineffective Sortie: (a) Target Area covered 10/10ths with stratus - no photos taken.
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 2

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3443 - (48)

A. 1 F-5E from 1410A to 1610A. To photo target: Block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-9357 to W-0183. OBSERVATION: six (6) plus bursts heavy, inaccurate flak over woods between Offenberg and Altenheim at 20,000ft. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: six (6) plus bursts heavy, inaccurate flak over woods between Offenberg and Altenheim at 20,000 ft. PHOTOS: Block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-9357 to W-0183. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445A to 1525A. WEATHER: High thin stratus at 20,000 ft. covering area with 5/10ths. Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-9357 to W-0183. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3444 - (50)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1400A to 1600A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-1211 to R-3011 to W-1580 to W-0183 to R-1211. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: One (1) jet A/C, reported over Hagenau at 1440A. ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-1211 to R-3011 to W-1580 to W-0183 to R-1211. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1425A to 1535A. WEATHER: Light haze in area, contrails at 19,000.ft., Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-1211 to R-3011 to W-1580 to W-0183 to R-1211. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3445 - (51)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1405A to 1605A. To photo Target: Barracks at R-316418, Buildings at R-431435, M/Y at R-710334, M/Y at S-030410, and M/Y at S-024522. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed large amount of smoke eminating from Freiberg., ENEMY AIR: one (1) jet A/C obsefved over Wissembourg heading SW. at extremely high altitude at 1430A. ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Barracks at R-316418, Buildings at R-431435. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445A to 1515A. WEATHER: Moderate haze, patches of stratus and alto stratus at 18,000 ft.,- other targets not claimed covered with 10/10ths stratus.
Mission partially successful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Barracks at R-316418, Buildings at R-431435, M/Y at R-71033, M/Y at S-030410. and M/Y at S-024522. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S - 34/3446 - (52)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1415A to 1615A. To photo Target: Baden / Baden Area, Radar Site at R-344055, RR/B and M/Y at Offenburg, and M/Y at W-220710. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: Pilot encountered fairly accurate flak - sixteen (16) bursts - one (1) mile North of Offenburg. PHOTOS: Baden/Baden Area - R-372180, RR/B and M/Y at Offenburg, M/Y at W-220710. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1455A to 1520A. WEATHER: Slight haze. Mission partially successful. (Joe NMI Merkle - 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Baden/Baden Area, Radar Site at R-344055, R/R/B and M/Y at Offenburg, and M/Y at W-220710. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3447 - (53)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1410A to 1525A. To photo Target: Fuel Dump at Q-787992, Dump at Q-498833, Barracks at Q-600836, Ammo Dump at Q-441797, Tactical School at Q-573718, Barracks at Q-388666, Town area at Q-347713, and M/Y at Q-971931. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Ammo Dump at Q-441797, Barracks at Q-388666. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1430A to 1500A. WEATHER: Heavy haze over Saarbrucken.
Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Fuel Dump at Q-787992, Dump at Q-498833, Barracks at Q-600836, Ammo Dump at Q-441797, Tactical School at Q-573718, Barracks at Q-388666, Town area at Q-347713 and M/Y at Q-971931. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3448 - (24)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1415A to 1615A. To photo Target: Rhine River Bridges from Karlsruhe to Worms, Strip - M-448170 to M-445130 RR/B at M-460169. OBSERVATIONS: Twenty (20) barrage balloons over Germersheim - large fire in M/Y at Neustadt - immense columns of smoke and flame, ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: Five (5) bursts of accurate flak over Mannheim PHOTOS: Bridges, Rhine River from Karlsruhe to Mannheim, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1520A. WEATHER: Very thin layer of Clouds or heavy haze at 8,000 ft., over Rhine.
Mission partially successful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Bridges Rhine River - from Karlsruhe to Worms, Strip - M-448170 to M-445130 , RR/B at M-460169. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 MISSION REPORT #9 THIS DATE.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 581

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 5-1445 Total Hours 26:25

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-BISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE R. ENGINE)

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
4 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER

5. Target: (1) ALT BULACH RR SIDINGS(W/R-730092), GERMANY. (2) GENGENBACH RR BRIDGE(W/W-2179), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
	NO BOMBS	DROPPED	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(1)					
(2)	RR BRIDGE - W/W-2179.	HORB, GERMANY.	1310	1	11,500'.
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attacked individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 90 degrees with left break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 201

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) - - (2) 3 SEC. (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Five (5) A/C over primary target; no bombs dropped due to inclement weather. The A/C bombing dropped due to accidental release. Other A/C did not drop on target of opportunity due to weather.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	- -	7	- -	- -	NONE	12(WEATHER)
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	- -	1	- -	- -	NONE	2(WEATHER)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	7	Rack Mal.	O-1575
500# GP	8	ENgineering	W-6925
500# GP	7	Rack Mal.	LAKE SO. OF DIJON.
500# GP	2	As Briefed	LAKE SO. OF DIJON.
500# GP	1	RACK MAL.	O-1576
500# GP	1	WEATHER	W-2472

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	18,300	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
GP	INACCURATE	SCANT	BETWEEN ZELL AND RHINE RIVERS.

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 - B26 returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #8 THIS DATE. 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 580

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 5 - 1430 Total Hours 26:40

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL-COVERAGE OF A1 IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS.

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - -

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	RACK MALFUNCTION.

5. Target: (1) WILDBERG RR STATION (W/R-742035), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	RR STATION-W/R-742035, GSGS 4416, SHEET N-3-CENTER.	HORB, GERMANY.	1310	5	9,000'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attacked individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Attack made on an axis of 360 degrees with sharp right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 203 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
3 SEC.	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 0%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Bombs fell in center of town. Marshalling Yards not believed hit. Bombs were dropped through hole in solid overcast. Three (3) took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	35	- -	- -	- -	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	5	- -	- -	- -	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	7	RACK MALFUNCTION	W/R - 7703
500# GP	1	RACK MALFUNCTION	W/R - 7703

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	13,200	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
GP	ACCURATE	HEAVY	OFFENBURG AREA

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 - B26(45-42-107792, crashed at W/R-0234.	FLAK	2P; 2B(DFF); 1RG; 1AG; 1TG; all listed as MIA.
3-B26's returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #7THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 579

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 6-1430 Total Hours 26:45

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-tOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - -

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - - - -

5. Target: (1) NUFRINGEN RR STATION (W/W-851030), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - -

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	42	--	--	--	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	6	--	--	--	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8	Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
	.50	18,200	NONE

9.	Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
	NONE	----	----	----------

10.	No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
	NONE	-----	-------

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ----------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #6 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 95

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 578

1. No. Off 7 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 6-1408 Total Hours 28:05

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6MILES IN BREAKS

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	RACK MALFUNCTION.

5. Target: (1) MOSSINGEN RR STATION (W/W-971791), GERMANY, (2) BISINGEN RR STATION (W/W-8868), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED				
(2)	RR STATION-W/W/-8868.	HORB, GERMANY.	1311	5	7,800'
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attacked individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 325 degrees with left break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 199 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) - - (2) 4 SEC. (3) -- (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Bombs started in town and walked across RR line. Tracks were cut. Two (2) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
								7 (ENG).
500# GP	.1 X .025	49	- -	35	- -	- -	NONE	7 (RACK MAL.)
500# GP	LONG DELAY	7	- -	5	- -	- -	NONE	1 (ENG)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	1	RACK MALFUNCTION.	LAKE SOUTH OF DIJON.

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	18,000	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	ERSTEIN AREA.

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #5 THIS DATE. 37

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 577

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1104 Time Down 6-1430 Total Hours 26:35
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.
3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - -	NONE	- - -

5. Target: (1) HECHINGEN RR SIDING (W/W-913743). GERMANY. (2) EPPENDORF RR LINE (W/W-623622), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NON	BOMBS	DROPPED
(2)	RR LINE-W/W-623622	HORB, GERMANY.	1310	6	10,200'
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attacked individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 114 degrees with right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 201 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN - - 3SEC. - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Primary target obscured by clouds. Target of opportunity; bombs hit in good pattern on tracks and buildings. Large building hit resulting in large explosion, white smoke up to 2,000'. One (1) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	- -	42	- -	- -	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	- -	6	- -	- -	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8	Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
	.50	17,950	NONE

9.	Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
	CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	ZELL AREA.

10.	No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
	NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #4 THIS DATE. 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 576

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 6-1430 Total Hours 26:45

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - -

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - -

5. Target: (1) ~~KAGENDINGEN~~ SCHLATT RR STATION, GERMANY. (2) LAUFER & EYACH RR LINE (W/W-876588), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED RR LINE-W/W-876588.	HORB, GERMANY.	1310	6	10,600'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attacked individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 114 degrees with left break. - Gentle evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 199 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
--	3 SEC.	--	--

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Primary target obscured by clouds. Target of opportunity bombed; resulting in many hits on RR line. One (1) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	- -	42	- -	- -	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	- -	6	- -	- -	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	17,560	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	ACCURATE	SCANT	ZELL . AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #3 THIS DATE. 95

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 575

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 6-1445 Total Hours 26:45
2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.
3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6MILES IN BREAKS.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - -	NONE	- - - -

5. Target: (1) RANGENDINGEM RR STATION (W/W-858784), GERMANY. (2) OSTDORF ROAD JUNCTION (W/W-~~XXX~~ 820677), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS		DROPPED
(2)	ROAD JUNCTION-W/W-820677-CENTER.	HORB, GERMANY.	1306	6	10,800'.
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ~~XXXXXX~~). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation short of ~~XXXXXX~~ IP and attached individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 114 degrees with right break. - Gentle evasive action.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 204 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	3 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Primary target obscured by clouds. Target of opportunity bombed resulting in good concentration on road junction. Two (2) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	--	42	--	--	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	--	6	--	--	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	16,290	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - -

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. 37

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 574

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up ~~1052~~ Time Down 6-1445 Total Hours 26:30

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRESISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF AI IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS.

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - -

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - -

5. Target: (1) BALINGEN RR SIDING (W/W 827653), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	RR SIDING-W/W-827653, GSGS 4416, SHEET W-3-CENTER	HORB, GERMANY.	1306	6	11,300'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attached individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 135 degrees with right break. - Gentle evasive action.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 206 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 3 SEC. (2) - - (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 45.75

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Bombs fell among buildings southeast of station. One (1) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	42	- -	- -	- -	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	6	- -	- -	- -	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	17,750	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	OFFENBERG AREA

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 34

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 573

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1052 Time Down 6-1445 Total Hours 26:30
2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. GROUP COVERED AREA.
3. Weather: 8/10 TOTAL COVERAGE OF A1 IN 3 LAYERS-TOPS 13,000'-VISIBILITY 4-6 MILES IN BREAKS/
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- -	NONE	- -

5. Target: (1) HISENGEN RR STATION (W/R-880689), GERMANY. (2) M/Y 10 MILES NORTHWEST OF BISSINGEN, GERMNAY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(2)	MARHSALLING YARD	HORB, GERMANY.	1318	6	11,600'
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 18 ship formation; flying 3 flights of 6 A/C in VEE(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail;; flights went into attack formation just short of IP and attacked individual targets(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 130 degrees with right break. - Gentle evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 209

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	3 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Bombs hit side of Marshalling Yard ten (10) miles northwest of PRIMARY TARGET. PRIMARY TARGET obscured by clouds. Two (2) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	42	- -	42	- -	- -	NONE	NONE
500# GP	LONG DELAY	6	- -	6	- -	- -	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	18,000	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
MP	INACCURATE	SCANT	ZELL AREA

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 496

1. No. Off 7 B-26's Time Up 11:52 Time Down 14:58 Total Hours 22:42
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Rustadt base 8,500'
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Spare

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) ELBING, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad sidings (WD) N-959575	Sigmarigen K-1145	13:31	6B-26's	10,500
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 6 ship box. Bomb Run - Bombed in 6 ship flights javelin down. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of Lead man. Axis of Attack - 359°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 Seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 40

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Good concentration across the target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	50	42				None	8
500#GP	6-12Hr. delay	6	6					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	19,250	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Scant	A-1272

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 497

1. No. Off 6 B-26's Time Up 11:56 Time Down 15:04 Total Hours 19:12

2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Mustadt base 8,500 '

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) ST. GEORGEN, GERMANY (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	M/Y (M) M-455475	Sigmaringen K-1145	13:32	6 B-26's	10,300
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 6 ship box. Bomb Run - Bombed in 6 ship flight javelin down. Bombing Procedure All bombs dropped off of Lead man. Axis of Attack - 41°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 40

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Good concentration across the target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	42	35				None	None
500#GP	6-12 hrs. delay	6	6					

Explosives Jettisoned: Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	7	Bombardier error	Target area.

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	16,500	None

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Fairly accurate	Scant	W-1585

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 B-24 (Cat I)	Flak	None

d. A|C Returned from Missing None - Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 498

1. No. Off 6 B-26's Time Up 11:59 Time Down 15:08 Total Hours 18:54

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 4/10ths Multilayered cloud at Rastadt base 8,500'

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) ST GALLEN, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	M/Y (S) W-455475	Sigmaringen X-1145	13:31	6 B-26's	10,200
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 6 ship box. Bomb Run - Bombed in 6 ship flights javelin down. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of lead man. Axis of Attack - 350°. Withdrawal - broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 35 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 40

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. Good concentration across the target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	42	42				None	
500#GP	6-12hr. delay	6	6					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	16,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 499

1. No. Off 6 B-26's Time Up 12:05 Time Down 15:10 Total Hours 18:30
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Mustadt, base 8,500'
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) ZWEIBRUCKEN, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	M/T (x) N-455204	Neustadt N-355240	14:06	6 B-26's	10,000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3-6 ship flights. Bomb Run - Bombed in six ship flight, each flight had an individual target. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of Lead man. Axis of Attack - 105°T. Withdrawal - None Evasive Action - None

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 30

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - Bombs hit in warehouse area walking over tracks in good concentration. Explosions and red flames were observed in the target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1& .025	42x	42				none	
500#GP	6 -12hrs. delay	6	6					None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	16,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No., & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 30th Bomb Group Squadrons 442nd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb 1945 Mission No. 500

1. No. Off 6 B-26's Time Up 12:09 Time Down 15:12 Total Hours 18:18
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Neustadt base 8,500'
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) OBERNDORF, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	W/T (a) R-688250	Neustadt R-355240	14:20	6 B-26's	9,800
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3-6 ship flights. Bomb Run - Bobmed in six ship flights each flight had an individual target. Bombing Procedure - all bombs dropped off of lead man. Axis of Attack - 79° Withdrawal - None Evasive Action - None

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 100

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Excellent concentration of bombs covered the target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	42	42				None	
500#GP	6-12hr. delay	6	6				None	

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	16,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None			

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 501

1. No. Off 6 B-26's Time Up 12:13 Time Down 15:15 Total Hours 18;08
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 5/10 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Mustadt, base 8,500'
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	A/F (M) M-381227	Neustadt L-355240	14:22	6 B-26's	8,400
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3-6 ship flights. Bomb Run - bombed in six ship flights each flight has an individual target. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of lead man . - Axis of Attack - 650T. Withdrawal - None Evasive Action - None

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 0 40 Seconds.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs fell in wooded area at M-2721, short of the target, due to bombsight malfunction resulting in premature release of bombs.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	42	42				None	
500#GP 6-12hr delay		6	6					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	16,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 442nd.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 502

1. No. Off 7 B-26's Time Up 12:18 Time Down 15:21 Total Hours 20:37
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Mustadt base 8,500'
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) UBERLINGEN, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	~~M/Y (..) M-054889~~	-ngen M-7717	14:05	7 ~~B-26~~'s	5,600
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 6 ship box. Bomb Run - Bombed as flights on different targets. Flight #3 joined formation at rally point. No 2 flight returned alone. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of Lead man. Axis of Attack - 113°. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 30

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. Good concentration across the target area and fires observed.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	49	49					None
500#GP	6-12hr delay	7	7					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
none			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	19,250	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
none			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 503

1. No. Off 6 B-26's Time Up 12:25 Time Down 15:25 Total Hours 18:00
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Nustadt base 8,500'
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) LUDWIGSHAFEN, GERMANY (2) (3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	M/Y (W) M-986137	Angen M-7717	1423	6 B-26's	6,300
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 6 ship box. Bomb Run - Bombed as flights on different targets. Flight #3 joined formation at rally point No 2 flight returned alone. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of Lead man. Axis of Attack - 95°T. Withdrawal - Broke Left. Evasive Action Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 70

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - A good condentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	42	42				None	None
500#GP 6-12hr. delay		6	6					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	16,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
none			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 22 Feb, 19 45 Mission No. 504

1. No. Off 7 B-26's Time Up 12:30 Time Down 15:34 Total Hours 22:21
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 7/10ths Multilayered cloud at Mustadt base 8,500 ft.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) MEISKIRCH, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad station (M) X-032340	Engen X-7717	14:07	7 B-26's	5,900
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 6 ship box. Bomb Run - Bombed as flights on different target. Flights #3 joined formation at rally point. No 2 flight returned alone. Bombing Procedure- All bombs dropped off of Lead man. Axis of Attack - 350T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 90

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. An excellent concentration of bombs in the target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	49	49				None	
500#GP	6-12hr delay	7	7					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	19,250	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374,
U. S. Army,
24 February 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General XII TAC,(Att: Statistical Officer.)
Commanding General 64th Fighter Wing,(Att: Stat. Officer)

OPREP A No. 2 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 February 1945.
Operations Orders No. 48, 49 and 50, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. 12 a/c off at 1340 on armed reconnaissance of RR concentrations in area from X-1091 to W-5381. Pineapple target of 70 box and flat cars at W-1297 was bombed from 3,000 feet with good results. All planes landed at 1600. Intense light accurate flak at W-1595, Mod hvy accurate at W-1597. Weather - haze, 4 to 7 miles vis. TOT - 1515. PRE-BRIEFED

A. 12 a/c off at 1315 on bombing mission of rail traffice in the area between S-2614 and S-1240. The Horb M/Y at W-7183 bombed from 4,000 feet with good results by 4 a/c; At W-6571 donkey engine with 20 mining carts was bombed by 4 a/c with 2 directs hit and several near misses; the remaining flight dropped their bombs on a moving train in the vicinity of S-025450. Flak, scant inaccurate at W-7183. All planes landed at 1645. Weather * Haze, visibility 4 miles. TOTs - 1430 - 1435 - 1520 - PRE-BRIEFED

A. 12 a/c offat 1330, one returned at 1400. Bombing of rail concentrations between S-0373 toR-4614 principal mission. No traffic found so secondary factory and Ammo soires at R-531427 was dive bombed with results unobserved, although most of the bombs hit in target area. Flak, scant hvy accurate from target area. 11 planes landed at 1645. Weather - CAVU. TOT - 1455
R-531427 PRE-BRIEFED

B. ~~1.~~ 36 P-47Ds. 2. 35 P-47Ds
3. 1 P-47D - mechanical trouble, OIL LEAK
4 thru 7 - none.
8. 35 Sorties.

C. 1. 36 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. 1 x 75 gal. jettisoned.

D. 1. 106 hours 15 minutes.
2. None.

E. 1. 112,800 x .50 cal.
2. 6,390 x .50 cal.
3. Nil

F. 1. 24 x 500 RDX, 48 x 500 GP.
2. 22 x 500 RDX, 47 x 500 GP.
3. 1 x 500 GP armed at W-9073. (HUNG)
4. Nil

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G. Nil

H. 1 thru 3 - Nil

I. Claims on ground:

35 boxcars destroyed
40 boxcars damaged.
2 locomotivesdestroyed.
1 locomotive damaged.
3 mining dump carts destroyed
2 mining dump carts damaged.
1 building damaged.

For the Group Commander:-

[redacted]
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
24 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 288.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 288 for 24 hours ending sunset 23 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1216 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 15 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1410 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort Mission from A-96 at 1251 hours, 23 February 1945, Major Johnston leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96 1439 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Leaflet Dropping Mission from A-96 at 1413 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Perley leading. 4 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 3 x A74, 6 x 2684 propaganda bombs in the Froback area. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96 1521 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0926 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Porter leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 18 x 500, 6 x M-17, 8 x 260 frag bombs at R-366967, 3 buildings were destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at R-366967. Time down at A-96 1124 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0900 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 36 x 500 Lb bombs on a RR bridge at R-351287, 2 hits were scored on the bridge and 4 very near misses, 2 hits were scored on both the N and S approaches to the bridge, 6 hits were in a M/T at the N end of the bridge, 10 buildings were destroyed in an adjacent town, 1 bridge damaged, 1 M/T damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-351287. Time down at A-96 1131 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1226 hours, 23 February 1945, Major Riggin leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 36 x 500 Lb bombs on a bridge at R-351287, 2 direct hits and 24 near misses damaged the bridge, the middle span broke and fell. 1 American jeep destroyed, 4 M/T damaged by strafing at R-527314. 1 factory was set on fire by 4 rockets at R-580450. 25 mixed RR cars were strafed at R-455347, 2 RR cars exploded, 2 destroyed, 12 damaged. 1 M/T and 2 trailers were strafed and destroyed at R-447354. Intense accurate, light flak encountered at R-351287. Time down at A-96 1447 hours.

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A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1518 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Hudson leading. 14 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 27 x 500 Lb bombs on a RR bridge at R-351287, 1 railcut was scored on the N end of the bridge, no hits were scored on the bridge, but several near misses were scored on both approaches to the bridge. 3 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a M/Y at R-300270, causing considerable damage to the M/Y. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-351287. Time down at A-96 1715 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0909 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Hamilton leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500, 8 x 460 M-17 bombs on an ammunition dump at Q-689822, 12 direct hits caused 2 tremendous explosions and destroyed 8 bridges. 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a locomotive at Q-682800, 3 railcuts were scored and the locomotive destroyed. 24 x 4.5 rockets were expended on supplies stacked in boxes along a RR siding at R-011669, no estimate of the damage caused was observed due to the thick smoke around the target. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Homburg. Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered at R-011669, R-3242. Time down at A-96, 1112 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1547 hours, 23 February 1945, Captain Herrick leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 Lb bombs, 8 x 460 M-17 bombs were dropped on a supply dump at Q-498833, 10 direct hits damaged the supply dump and destroyed 5 buildings. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed at Q-4578. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1752 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1603 hours, 23 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500, 8 x 460 M-17 bombs on a factory and ammunition dump at R-531427. The factory was completely destroyed. 4 x 460 M-17 bombs were jettisoned on enemy territory with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-531427. Time down at A-96 1802 hours.

Dive Bomb

B. 1. 109 x P-47D
   2. 108
   3. 1 - Fuel guage failure
   4. thru 6. None
   7. 2 - CAT I, flak 1 CAT II, flak
   8. 108 sorties

C. 1. 28 x 75 gal tanks carried
      6 x 150 gal tanks carried
   2. 20 x 75 gal tanks jettisoned
      6 x 150 gal tanks jettisoned

D. 1. 122 hours x P-47D
   2. None

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B. 1. 205,200 rds x .50 cal. carried
2. 25,440 rds x .50 cal. expended

F. 1. 168 x 500 - 88 RDX normal, 80 GP Inst.
34 x 460 M-17
8 x 260 frag
28 x 4.5 Rockets
2. 168 x 500
34 x 460
8 x 260
28 x 4.5
3. and 4. None

G. and H. None

I. Other Claims on Ground

19 buildings destroyed
2 M/T damaged
1 bridge damaged
1 jeep destroyed
2 M/T destroyed
4 M/T damaged
2 trailers destroyed
2 RR cars destroyed
12 RR cars damaged
2 factories destroyed
2 supply dumps damaged

Escort

B. 1. 31 x P-47D
2. 30
3. 1 - mechanical failure
4. thru 7. None
8. 30 sorties

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 58 Hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 58,900 rds x .50 cal. carried
2. None

F. thru I. None

Leaflet Dropping

B. 1. 4 x P-47D
2. 4
3. thru 7. None
8. 4 sorties

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 4 Hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 7,600 rds x .50 cal. carried
2. None

F. 1. 9 Propaganda bombs
3 x M74, 6 x AN-M4
2. 9 expended
3. and 4. None

G. thru I. None

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
23 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 23 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

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Mission 2858 (Armed recce)

14 P-47s of 316th Fither Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0815 down at 0920, target, town at Q-689822. T.O.T. 0855, bomb run to 1000', 43 hits in target area, 15 buildings destroyed & 2 large fires started, 1 hit NW of town, 1 hung bomb dropped at Q-4018. Scant LAA at Q-6362. Weather, light scud in vallies CAVU. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 12 x 260 lb & 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2859 (Dive bomber mission)

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0815 down at 0945, target, rails between R-120690 & R-155670. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 3000', 2 hits cut rails in front of tunnel at R-132691, 2 hits cut rails at R-135687, 8 misses, 2 hits in town at R-136689, damaged 3 buildings, 2 hits in road at R-146676, 2 hits in road at R-150674, 2 near misses on RR bridge at R-147677, 4 hits unobserved. 6 rockets missed. Flight strafed & fired 13 rockets at train at Q-768782, loco & 1 boxcar damaged. Inaccurate LAA at Q-768782. Weather CAVU, hazy entire area. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2860 (Dive bomber mission)

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0830 down at 1020, target, rails at R-1369. T.O.T. 0900, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits made rail cuts (2) SE entrance to tunnel, 18 hits concentrated around mouth of tunnel and in small town, destroying 4 buildings & damaging 3, tunnel entrance not blocked. 4 A/C strafed 1 MT at R-230586, damaging it, 3 A/C strafed 10 box & 10 passenger cars at R-208673, 2 boxcars & 3 passenger cars damaged. Scant LAA at R-2357. Weather clear withslight haze. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2861 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce up at 1030 down at 1220, target, tank cars at R-230680, 8 A/C bombed here. T.O.T. 1120, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits cut rails, 2 hits destroyed building near tracks, 12 misses. Controller gave target supposed to be 15 plus flat cars loaded with white colored MT at R-280653. 2 A/C bombed here & dropped 4 bombs all S. of train. Flight noticed target was hospital train & near hospital. Controller gave target of 25 plus box & flat cars at R-258560. 4 A/C strafed & 2 bombed, 4 misses. Intense LAA at Landau, moderate LAA at R-258560. Weather CAVU, moderate haze. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2862 (Dive bomber mission)

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1035 down at 1210, target, rails between R-020670 & R-090670. T.O.T. 1115, bomb run to 2000', 6 hits made 3 rail cuts at R-087667 - R-085666 - R-084666, 8 misses, 2 bombs & 6 rockets unobserved, 2 rockets hit RR at R-080666, 6 hits made 3 rail cuts at R-063669 - R-060669 & R-057669, 1 hit cut rails at R-027673, 1 bomb hung up & missed tracks. Weather CAVU with slight haze. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 8 rockets.

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Mission 2863 (Bomber Escort mission)

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on bomber escort mission up at 1100 down at 1250, rendezvous with bombers over base at 10,000' at 1120 hours. Target RR bridge at M-172098, bombers made 2 bombing runs, target seemed well covered, exact results unknown due to dust & smoke. No incidents. Weather CAVU with slight ground haze.

Mission 2864 (Dive bomber mission)

14 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1300 down at 1445, target, RR tunnel & tracks at R-132691, 6 A/C bombed here. T.O.T. 1340, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits in NW end of tunnel, blocked tunnel & cut rails, 2 near misses NW end of tunnel, 2 direct hits in town at R-138688, 4 misses, 2 near misses by road bridge at R-146678 damaged bridge. 8 A/C bombed RR between R-160672 & R-140685. T.O.T. 1343, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits cut rails at R-145680, 2 hits cut rails at R-146678, 12 misses. Fired 24 rockets into town of Blicksweiller at Q-647683, all rockets in S. section of town, damaged 6 buildings. Weather CAVU with slight haze. Bombs exp: 28 x 500 lb GP, 24 Rockets.

Mission 2865 (Dive bomber mission)

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bomber mission up at 1335 down at 1515, target, rails between R-155671 & R-146680. T.O.T. 1410, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits cut rails at R-155671, 8 hits made 4 rail cuts 50 - 100 yds apart near R-147685, 2 hits created road block at R-147682, 8 misses. Observed small fire after bombing at R-141686. Mod. barrage type HAA 5 miles NW of Strasbourg made white bursts. Weather CAVU with slight haze. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs safe in lake at Q-2822. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2866 (Dive bomber mission)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1320 down at 1500, target, guns at Q-748721. T.O.T. 1415, bomb run to 1000', 2 direct hits on center of gun position, 2 guns destroyed, 2 near misses by E. gun, 6 S. of target, 13 hits in general area, 1 hung up & dropped 5 miles S. of target. Intense LAA at target. Weather CAVU with heavy ground haze. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2867 (Dive bomber mission)

13 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1525 down at 1700, target, rails & tunnel at R-132691. T.O.T. 1555, bomb run to 100', 2 A/C bombed here, 2 hits on road N. of tunnel, 2 misses to S. of tunnel, 7 A/C bombed RR between R-120690 & R-090670, bomb run to 2000'. T.O.T. same, 2 hits cut rails at R-117685, 2 hits cut rails at R-111680, 2 hits cut rails at R-097674, 8 misses. 4 A/C bombed RR between R-070668 & R-050675, 2 hits in road at R-055670, 2 hits cut rails at R-058669, 2 hits cut rails at R-062670, 2 misses. 3 A/C fired 17 rockets at 10 boxcars & crates alongside at R-047676, 3 boxcars damaged & 1 RR cut. Weather CAVU, heavy ground haze. Bombs exp: 26 x 500 lb GP, 17 rockets.

Mission 2868 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1610 down at 1720, target, 30 plus box & flat cars loaded with MT on siding at Q-415813. 8 A/C bombed here. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 1000', 4 hit train & destroyed 7 RR cars, 2 hit road N of tracks, created road block, 2 hit W. of target, 4 hit S. of target, 4 hit among small buildings near tracks. 4 A/C bombed 8 plus boxcars at Q-401801 on main line, 2 hit boxcars destroyed 3 cars, 4 hits made 2 RR cuts near boxcars, 2 misses. Weather CAVU, very heavy haze. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2869 (Armed recce)

10 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1615 down at 1815, target, 25 boxcars & 50 plus flat cars with 2 MT each at R-365702. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 5000', 2 hits cut rails at R-352698, 8 misses, 10 unobserved. Controller called in E/ac so shallow bomb run was made. Flight pulled up to 24,000' & encountered 8 to 10 ME 109s at 1720 hours 5 miles E. of Karlsruhe. Lt. Page fired 2 bursts into 1 ME 109, getting strikes around cockpit & small explosions just ahead of cockpit. E/ac caught fire, went into dive (aflame) trailing black smoke. Witness later saw crashed ME burning. 1 ME 109 destroyed. No other engagement. Lt. Rhodes last seen at 24,000' at approx. R-6045 before engagement at approx. 1720 hours. 1 Pilot M.I.A. Intense LAA & HAA at target. Weather CAVU heavy ground haze. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	48
	(ii)	48
	(vi)	1 Unknown
	(viii)	48
Note 5 D	(i)	70:15
Note 6 E	(i)	96,000
	(ii)	10,420
	(iii)	2,000
Note 7 F	(i)	92 x 500 lb GP 12 x 260 lb 9 x 100 lb Phos.
	(ii)	90 x 500 lb GP 12 x 260 lb 9 x 100 lb Phos.
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP
Note 8 G		1 Pilot M.I.A.
Note 9 H	(i)	1 ME 109

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	8
	(ii)	8
	(viii)	8
Note 5 D	(i)	14:40
Note 6 E	(i)	16,000

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 23 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	85	
	(ii)	84	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(viii)	85	
C	(i)	2	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	138:30	
Note 6 E	(i)	170,000	
	(ii)	9,060	
Note 7 F	(i)	170 x 500 lb GP 68 Rockets	
	(ii)	168 x 500 lb GP 68 Rockets	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
Mt		1
Locos		1
RR cars	10	9
Gun positions	2	
Highway bridge		1
Buildings	20	12

	Complete	Partial
Road blocks	2	2
RR cuts	28	
Tunnel block	1	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
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APO 374 U.S. Army

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25 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 04th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 222 for the period ending Sunset 23 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.C.15. Escort medium bombers mission.

A. A.C.15. 16 P-47s of 365 squadron dispatched at 1130 hours to escort medium bombers bombing bridge at Grunstadt (M-172098). Route flown: base to Luneville to Ningen to Heidelbronn to Landrecht to target, and retrace to base. R/V with bombers at Luneville, 17,000 feet, 1208 hours. Time over target, 1225 hours. Left bombers at Luneville, 15,000 feet, 1259 hours. Losses: nil. Flak: nil. E/A: nil. Weather: CAVU. Down at base, 1330 hours.

B. (i) 16 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C completed mission of escorting medium bombers.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 16

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 33:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

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A. A.O.15. 16 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1130 hours to escort medium bombers bombing bridge at Grunstadt (L-172098). Route flown: base to Luneville to Ingen to Heidelbronn to Landrecht to target, and retrace to base. R/V with bombers at Luneville, 15,000 feet, 1208 hours. Time over target, 1225 hours. Left bombers at Luneville, 15,000 feet, 1259 hours. Losses: nil. Flak: nil. E/A: nil. Weather: CAVU. Down at base, 1330 hours.

B. (i) 16 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C completed mission of escorting medium bombers.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 16

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 33:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O.16. Close cooperation mission.

A. A.O.16. 12 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 0828 hours to perform close support mission with Half Bake at Saverne. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Time over target 0915-0935. Route flown: Base to Saverne to target to base. Squadron was contacted by Half Bake Fox who told them to bomb the town at ⌖-7942. He said to make it an area bombing of the 32 bldgs in town and one large factory in the center of the town. Target was marked with white smoke. After bombing, squadron recced the town and vicinity, and road traffic was nil. 36 x 500# GPs were dropped on town, excellent concentration and a conservative estimate would be 15 buildings destroyed, numerous others damaged. The large factory in center of town was destroyed by 5 direct hits. Town was strafed twice. Strafing attacks and claims: Observations tower strafed and damaged at ⌖-8045; 4 H/D wagons which were empty and moving north destroyed at ⌖-8247; 1 H/D vehicle facing east damaged at ⌖-8742; 2 buildings damaged at ⌖-8742; 1 building damaged at ⌖-8345. Flak: scant, light inaccurate at ⌖-7942. Losses: Nil. Enemy A/C: nil. Weather: Heavy haze from deck to 3,000 feet, light haze from 3 to 6,000 feet, visibility good above haze. In haze about a half mile. Down at base: 1014.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on town at ⌖-7942. Also strafed same. Also strafed 4 H/D wagons at ⌖-8247; 1 H/D at ⌖-8742; 2 bldgs at ⌖-8742; 1 bldg at ⌖-8345.
12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 21:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 10,335 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 36 - 500# GP bombs, fused nose-1103; tail1113 -110142.
(ii) 36 - 500# GP bombs dropped on town at Q-7942.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 16
c) Damaged, 3

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims;
Observation tower, c) Damaged, 1

4. (3). Operations No.: A.O.18 and 19. Armed recce and Close cooperation mission.

A. A.O. 18. 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 0845 hours to perform armed recce and close cooperation with Pelican. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GPs; 1 - 500# GP was returned to base. Route followed: base to Saarbourg to Saarguemenes to Q-6557 to base. Time in target area, 0930 - 1015 hours. Squadron worked with Pelican and was directed to bomb town of Archingen (Q-653571); town was supposed to contain infantry and armor, and was twice marked with red smoke. 35 bombs were dropped on town, with 33 direct hits; 2 bombs hung up and fell north of town -- 8 bldgs destroyed, 2 bldgs damaged, and fires observed. No flak, no E/A. No losses. Weather: ceiling unlimited, haze, up to 3,000 feet; visibility down sun 5 miles, up sun 1/2 mile. Down at base, 1055 hours.

A.O.19 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at ~~0800~~ 0830 hours on C/S and A/G mission. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Sarreguemines to Bettlach to L-178050 to Saarbourg to base. Time in target area 0900-1015. Squadron contacted Pelican, who turned control over to Pelican Uncle. Pelican Uncle tried to identify a town at Q-338741 as target but was closed in by weather, so told squadron to follow Saar river Northwest to the first "U" bend and bomb town inside "U" on East side. Squadron proceeded NW over partially closed in territory and bombed town of Bettlach which was first town seen inside of "U" bend. 36 x 500# GPs were dropped on town (at L-178050), 34 hits in town, 2 misses - claim 5 buildings destroyed. Flak: Meant, heavy at Saarbrucken. No losses. E/A nil. Weather: No cloud, heavy ground fog North of Saarbrucken, air-ground visibility zero, with break at L-178050. Down at base: 1045 hours.

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B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on town, of Erchingen (G-653571.
12 A/C dropped bombs on town, at L-178050.
24 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 54:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 17,560 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs, fused at - tail, M113.
(ii) 71 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
35 GPs on town of Erchingen, G-653571.
36 GPs on town at L-178050.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
1 - 500# GP bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 13
c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims,
Town damaged.

4. (4) Operations No.: A.O. 20,21 and 22. To perform rail cutting missions.

A. A.O. 20. 12 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 1111 hours to perform rail cutting mission, bomb bridges, and seal tunnels in the Frankenstein area. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs, Route flown: Base to Frankenstein, to Neunstadt to Hagenau to base. Time over target area 1200-1220. 24 x 500# GPs dropped on tunnel at R-199900, excellent concentration at both entrances, 6 bombs went into mouth of the tunnel and exploded. Tracks were torn up at the north entrance of the tunnel, and the tunnel entrance was sagged in, south --east end believed to be severely damaged. One miss hit building in a small nearby town -- claim destroyed.

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12 x 500# GPs were dropped on RR bridge and tunnel at R-179919, direct hits destroyed the bridge and the south end of the tunnel was damaged. Strafing attacks and claims: 1 M/T going north destroyed at R-3080; 1 M/T going east damaged at R-2473; 10 RR cars at R-2556 damaged; 1 M/C vehicle going east destroyed at R-2863; 1 half track facing east destroyed at R-1793; 1 M/T going north destroyed at R-1893; 1 M/T facing south damaged at R-1793; 2 M/C vehicles going north damaged at R-9673; 1 M/T moving north damaged at R-9637. Observations along route: Nil. Flak: Scant, light, inaccurate at R-1990; scant, light, fairly accurate at R-9334. 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1. B/a nil. Weather: CAVU over target, light ground haze. Down at base 1319.

A.C.21. 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1140 hours to perform rail interdiction mission. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown: Base to Hochspeyer to Neustadt to Hochspeyer to base. Time over target area 1225-1255. 16 x 500# GPs were dropped on south side of RR tunnel at R-184901, 1 bomb skipped inside, 1 hit on top of tunnel mouth, there were 4 near misses -- claim 1 tunnel damaged. 8 GPs were dropped on north side of second tunnel at R-183903, 2 hits in tunnel mouth, -- claim 1 tunnel damaged, and 1 rail cut. 4 x 500# GPs dropped on rails at R-190909, 2 hits in embankment, -- claim 1 rail cut. 6 GPs dropped on rails at R-221678, -- claim 1 rail cut; 1 bomb landed on factory building, destroying it. 2 x 500# GPs dropped on rails at R-210888 - claim 1 rail cut. Observations along route included: At R-221951, 8 to 10 large goxes, OD in color, on side of hill. RR bridge at R-179921 damaged by one bomb hit in center. Flak: Nil, Losses: Nil. Enemy A/C: Nil. Weather: No clouds, visibility up sun 1 mile and down sun 5 miles. Down at base 1335.

A.C.22. 16 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1400 hours to perform rail cutting mission between Frankenstein and Neustadt. A/C carried 47 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to target areas to base. Time over target areas: 1430-1530 hours. 29 bombs dropped at R-178926 on S end of tunnel. Tracks were cut at the entrance in 4 places and also claim tunnel damaged. 12 bombs dropped on RR bridge at R-178923 -- bridge damaged and rail cuts in two places. 2 bombs dropped at R-178923 -- 1 rail cut. 3 bombs dropped at R-178932 -- 1 rail cut. 1 bomb was jettisoned at R-0585 because it failed to release. Observations along route included: At R-2060, 10 M/T going E and W; at Pirmasens, 30 M/Ts parked in the town; Zweibrucken M/Y, 1/3 full of box cars; at R-190910, 8 box cars standing; in vicinity R-170935, RR bridge appeared damaged. 1 burst of light flak at R-178926. No losses. At Hagenau, 4 Jet contrails observed at 29,000 Ft, headed SW, at 1430 hours. Weather: Thick haze to 3,000 ft, thin haze to 6,000 ft, visibility 2 miles up-sun, 5 miles down-sun. Down at base: 1610 hours.

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B. (i) 40 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-199900.
RR bridge and tunnel at R-179919.
Also strafed the following:-
1 M/T going N at R-3020.
1 M/T going east at R-2473.
10 RR cars at R-2556.
1 M/V vehicle going east at R-2863.
1 half track facing east at R-1793.
1 M/T going north at R-1893.
1 M/T facing south at R-1793.
2 M/V vehicles going north at R-9637.
1 M/T moving N at R-9637.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
South side of RR tunnel at R-184901.
North side of second tunnel at R-183903.
Rails at R-190909.
Rails at R-221878.
Rails at R-210888.
16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
S end of tunnel at R-178926.
RR bridge at R-178923.
Rails at R-178923.
Rails at R-178932.
40 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1.
(viii) 40

C. Nil

D. (i) 83:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 96,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 5,300 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 120 - 500# GP bombs, fused- tail M113, (18 nose spikes).
(ii) 119 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
24 GPs on tunnel at R-199900.
12 GPs on RR bridge and tunnel at R-179919.
16 GPs on south side of RR tunnel at R-184901.
8 GPs on north side of second tunnel at R-183903.
4 GPs on rails at R-190909.
6 GPs on rails at R-221878.
2 GPs on rails at R-210888.
29 GPs on S end of tunnel at R-178926.
12 GPs on RR bridge at R-178923.

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2 GP on rails at R-178923.
3 GPs on rails at R-178932.

(iii) 1 GP bomb was jettisoned (500#GP) at R-0585, because it failed to release over target.

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars,
c) Damaged, 10

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 2

11. Rail tracks cut, 11

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims;
Tunnels, c) Damaged, 5

4. (5) Operations No. A.O. 23,24,27,28, and 29. Dive-bombing missions.

A. A.O. 23. 15 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 1421 hours to bomb RR bridge and tunnels between Kaiserslautern and Neustadt. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to target areas to base. Time in target areas: 1550-1605 hours. 12 bombs were dropped on the tunnel at R-182913 -- 1 rail cut effected 200 ft. short of E entrance, E entrance damaged. 3 bombs, which went into the tunnel, caused unknown damage. 12 bombs were dropped on the tunnel at R-205895. -- 1 rail cut 50 yards short of E end of tunnel and E entrance was damaged. 12 bombs dropped on tunnel at R-195905 -- 1 rail cut at E entrance of tunnel and E end of tunnel badly damaged. 7 bombs were dropped on the tunnel at R-199901 -- there were near misses, but no claims made. 1 bomb was jettisoned armed at R-230950, because the fin came off the bomb. which failed to go off, was jettisoned on Neustadt. Strafing attacks and claims: 2 M/Ts facing E, destroyed at R-275598; 1 M/T, moving S, destroyed at R-060562; 1 M/T, facing

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N, destroyed at R-225650; 1 M/T, which exploded and started a fire in the town, was destroyed at R-255605; 1 M/T destroyed at R-260954; 1 M/T facing W, damaged at R-240948; the strafing of a small factory at R-240984, caused a fire and factory is claimed destroyed. Flak: nil, No lossed, but 1 P-47 damaged, cat 1, as a result of bomb blast. E/A: nil. Weather: light, haze on the deck up to 4,000 ft., visibility above haze good. Down at base: 1632 hours.

A.O.24 16 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1444 hours to bomb a tunnel housing railway gun at R-215685 and also to perform armed recce. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Landau to Kaiserslautern to base. Time in target areas: 1505-1530 hours. The Gun was not seen, but 41 bombs were dropped on the tunnel at R-215685. 1 hit, causing much debris, landed on the W end of the tunnel, 7 hits on the E end, and several fell right in the mouth. Claim 1 tunnel and 5 rail cuts. 2 bombs, which hung up, were dropped on the tracks at R-1893, causing no damage. 1 bomb was dropped on the M/Y at Neustadt, but missed. It was observed that Neustadt M/Y contained some beat-up rolling stock. 3 more bombs, which hung up, were dropped on Wiedenthal at R-1992 -- claim 1 building destroyed. 1 bomb, which was dropped on the tracks at R-2189, failed to explode. Strafing attacks and claims: 1 bus, stationary, destroyed at R-2395; 1 A/T, going NE, damaged at R-2395; 1 A/T, stationary, damaged at R-1494. Flak: intense, light at Wissembourg; scant, 1 light at Landau. 1 P-51, with American markings, turned into our formation at 1445 hours at 8,000 feet at Saarbrucken; no other A/C were encountered. No losses. Weather: very heavy haze, 5,000 ft, visibility 1/4 mile up-sun, down-sun 1 mile. Down at base: 1651 hours.

A.O.27 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1712 hours to bomb supply dump at Q-722703. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Q-722703 to base. Time in target areas: 1745-1755 hours. 33 bombs were dropped on supply dump at Q-722703. Excellent concentration of hits was observed and black smoke pured out of the dump up to 3000 feet. Claim dump destroyed. 3 bombs hung up during bomb run and flak was too intense to permit another pass, so these 3 bombs were jettisoned at Q-4218. Strafing attacks and claims: 6 flak gun positions destroyed at the target; 1 flak gun position damaged at the target. Flak: light, intense at Q-722703. 1 P-47 was damaged, Cat, 1, flak, but no other losses. No E/A encountered. Weather: light, ground haze, visibility fair. Down at base: 1810 hours.

A.O.28 8 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1705 hours to bomb supply dump at Q-498833. Carried 14 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# Incendiary bombs. Followed route of base to Q-498833 to base. Time in target area: 1735-1755, hours. All bombs dropped on designated target. 8 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# Incendiary bombs were direct hits, while the remaining GP bombs were all near misses. 11 buildings were set on fire and a peculiarly colored red smoke resulted. Two more buildings were damaged by strafing. It was also observed that several buildings on the E side of the dump had been damaged by a previous bombing.

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Along route, at R-513843, 1 loco with 10 box cars was seen to go S into a tunnel. Flak: was scant, light at R-4621. Losses: nil. E/A: nil. Weather: 9/10ths, thin at 10,000 ft, visibility unlimited. Down at base: 1820 hours.

A.C.29 8 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 1632 hours to bomb factory at R-4965. A/C carried 18 x 500# GP bombs and 6 x 500# Incendiary bombs. Followed route of base to R-4965 to New Fechingen (R-4969) to base. Time in target areas: 1700-1725 hours. 12 x 500# GP bombs dropped on factory at R-4965 -- direct hits destroyed factory and Stable confirms that destruction was complete. Another building, shed-type, on the SW side of the factory was also destroyed. 6 GPs and 6 Incendiaries were dropped on town of Bubingen, at R-4965, to which target Squadron had been vectored by Pelican Jig. There were direct hits and 1 fire started in town -- claim 1 rail cut, 2 buildings damaged, and trench system on W side of the RR was damaged. Pelican Jig then vectored Squadron to town of New Fechingen at R-4969 where 8 planes made 2 strafing passes -- 1 fire observed and 1 barracks and 10 houses damaged. Flak: Nil. Losses: nil. E/A: Nil. Weather: 9/10ths thin at 10,000 ft, visibility unlimited. Down at base: 1800 hours.

B. (i) 59 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-182913.
Tunnel at R-205805.
Tunnel at R-195905.
Tunnel at R-199901.
Also strafed the following:-
2 H/Ts facing E, at R-275598.
1 H/T, moving S, at R-260562.
1 H/T, facing E, at R-225650.
1 H/T, at R-255605.
1 H/T at R-260954.
1 H/T facing W, at R-240948.
Small factory at R-240948.

16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-215685.
Tracks at R-1993.
H/T at Neustadt.
Hiedentahl at R-1992.
Tracks at R-2180.
Also strafed the following:-
1 bus, stationary, at R-2305.
1 H/T, going NE, at R-2305.
1 H/T, stationary, at R-1494.

12 A/C dropped bombs on supply dump at R-722703.
Also strafed 6 flak gun positions at the target;

2 A/C dropped bombs on target, supply dump at R-498833.
Also strafed 2 buildings.

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8 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Factory at R-4965.
Town of Bubingen, at R-4965.
Also strafed town of New Fechingen at R-4969.
59 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged; 1 a/c by flak,cat,1; and 1 a/c dam, by bomb blast, category 1.
(viii) 59

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 108:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 141,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 18,385 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 161 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail M113;
8 - 460# Incendiary bombs (AN-M17) fused- nose, M127.
6 - 500# Incendiary bombs (AN-M76) fused, Durater, M14; Adap, M115.
(ii) 156 - 500# GPs, 8 -460# Incendiaries and 6 - 500# Incendiaries were expended as follows:-
12 GPs on tunnel at R-182913.
12 GPs on tunnel at R-205835.
12 GPs on tunnel at R-195905.
7 GPs on tunnel at R-199901.
41 GPs on tunnel at R-215685.
2 GPs on tracks at R-1293.
1 GP on the A/F at Neustadt.
3 GPs on Wiedenthal at R-1992.
1 GP on tracks at R-2139.
33 GPs on supply dump at R-722703.
14 GPs and 8 -460# Incendiaries on supply dump at R-498833.
12 GPs on factory at R-4965.
6 GPs and 6-500# Incendiaries on town of Bubingen at R-4965.
(iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb, jettisoned armed at R-230950.
1 - 500# GP bomb, jettisoned on Neustadt.
3 - 500# GPs bombs were jettisoned at R-4218, hung up during bomb run.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 7
c) Damaged, 3

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 6
c) Damaged, 1

7. Dumps,
a) Destroyed, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 15
c) Damaged, 12

11. Railroads cut, 7

17. Other Claims;
c) Damaged, 3 Tunnels.

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 34 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 23 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 582

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1119 Time Down 24-1406/1430 Total Hours 88:35

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 8-10 P47's.

3. Weather: C A V U

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	AIR SPARE

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - - - -

5. Target: (1) CARLSBERG RR BRIDGE(W/W-178016), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	RR BRIDGE-W/W-178016, GSGS 4416, SHEET U-2-CENTER.	BAD-DURKHEIM, GERMANY.	1305	24	10-12,000'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights ROX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail, javelined down(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 293 degrees with right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 206 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
40 SEC.	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 52.10%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Bombs hit short and walked over bridge with possible hits. One flights bombs landed approximately 2,000' over due to bomb-sight malfunction. - - - - Eight (8) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X ND	104	94	--	--	--	NONE	8(SPARE)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	2	RACK MALFUNCTION	M - 1603

8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	72,000	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X ND	104	94	--	--	--	NONE	8(SPARE)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	2	RACK MALFUNCTION	M - 1603

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	72,000	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. 37 - 95

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 23 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 583

1. No. Off 25 - B26 Time Up 1149 Time Down 23-1510 Total Hours 85:55

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 14-16 P47's.

3. Weather: C A V U

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE R. ENGINE).
1 - B26	DUE TO DELAYED TAKE-OFF

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	BOBARDIER ERROR.

5. Target: (1) CARLSBERG RR BRIDGE(W/W-178016), GERMANY. (2) RINNTHAL RR BRIDGE(W/W-134688), GERMANY.
(3) OBERSTEINBACK TOWN(W/W 965483), GERMANY. (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	RR BRIDGE-W/W-178016, GSGS 4416, SHEET U-2-CENTER.	LUNVILLE, GERMANY.	1344	17	11,000'.
(2)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(3)	TOWN-W/W-965433.	LUNVILLE, GERMANY.	1348	5	12,000'.
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

4 Flights BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail, javelined down(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 294 degrees with right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 294 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 60 SEC. (2) - - (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 65 .10%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: At primary target possible hits on bridge and east approach but most bombs were short. At target of opportunity bombs fell in east side of town among buildings. - - - Six (6) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A	C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X ND	100	66	--	20	--	NONE	4(ENG) 4(DELAYED TAKE-OFF).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	2	RACK MALFUNCTION	AFTER BREAK FROM PRIMARY TARGET.
1000# GP	4	BOMBARDIER ERROR	OBERSTEIN AREA.

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	69,350	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	-----	----	----------

10. No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	-------

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ----------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 23 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 506

1. No. Off 29 B-26's Time Up 10:46 Time Down 13:38 Total Hours 78:28
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu with haze in all cases.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	Spares

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) STANDENBUHL, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad Bridge. (W) M-172098	Railroad junction West of Lembracht M-2486	12:24	27 B-26's.	11,600
(2)					10,800
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Flight #2 dropped low inside wingmen in #2 and 3 flights dropped into # 4 position. Rejoined route formation in break. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of no One man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 344°T. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 50 40 seconds

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs struck in target area with probable hits on the bridge.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1x.025	232	214				None	16

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	2	Hung Up	Target area.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	87,000	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 442nd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 23 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 505

1. No. Off 30 B-26's Time Up 10:16 Time Down 13:10 Total Hours 81:23
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu with haze in all cases.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
3 B-26's	2 spares 1 Engineering	None	

5. Target: (1) STANDENBUHL, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad Bridge. (a) R-172098	Railroad Junction West of Lembracht. R-2486	11:51	9 B-26's	10,500
(2)			12:01	18 B-26's	11,600
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation. Inside wing men in #4 and 2 flights low. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude. Axis of Attack - 343°T.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 2 Minutes.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 60

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs fell in the target area with hits scored on the bridge. Visual observation of second squadron reports bridge damaged but still standing.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	210	216				None	24

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
none			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	90,000	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/23745 [redacted]

OPREP "A" No. 557 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 23 February 1945.

A. One Beaufighter airborne during the period from 18:25 to 19:05. Started out to intrude area of Freiberg, Karlsruhe, Ludwigshafen and Neustadt, but due to very poor visibility returned to base. Pilot reported visibility to be ½ (one-half) mile.

B. (i) One Beaufighter Mark VI., AI Mark VIII.
(ii) None
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) One

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) :40

E. (i) 1000 x 20 M
6000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army,
25 February 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Att: Stat Officer).
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Att: Stat Officer)

OPREP A No. 3 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 47 and 48, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. 16 a/c off at 1630 on bombing mission of RR traffic concentrations between S-2614 and R-8520. Ground control gave alternate target, city of Frieburg. TOT 1745, target bombed from 13,000 feet with no results observed due to bad weather. Moderate heavy flak, inaccurate from Frieburg. Weather - 9/10 from 4,000 to 6,000' over target. 32 bombs dropped on target. All planes landed at 1925. Pre-briefed.

A. 15 a/c off at 1650, 1 early return at 1705, TOT 1750, bombing mission of RR concentrations between X-1091 to S-1704 to W-5381. Observations were nil due to haze, ground controller gave instructions to jettison bombs and return to base. 14 planes landed at 1850. No flak. Pre-briefed. Weather - 7/10 from 2500 to 4000'. Bombs jettisoned in vicinity of W-76 square.

B. 1. 31 P-47Ds
2. 16 P-47Ds
3. 14 P-47Ds returned (weather); 1 P-47D returned early(belly tank inoperative)
4. thru 7 - Nil
8. 30 sorties.

C. 1. 31 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. None.

D. 1. 57 hours 15 minutes.
2. 17 hours 40 minutes.

E. 1. 84,000 x .50 cal.
2. Nil
3. Nil

F. 1. 62 x 500 RDX
2. 32 x 500 RDX
3. 28 x 500 RDX
4. Nil

G. Nil

H. 1 thru 3 - Nil

I. Nil.

IRA E. OVEN, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS E-1-5
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

APO 374, U S ARMY
24 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 289.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. officer.

Oprep A No. 289 for 24 hours ending sunset 24 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-2, 6, 7, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1624 hours, 24 February 1945, Lt. Borges leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 34 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on the town of Loutesheim, all bombs fell into the town and damaged a great part of the town. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at [illegible]. Time down at A-96, 1806 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1524 hours, 24 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a supply dump AB of Unzhurst, R-239099, destroying 6 buildings. 16 x 4.5 rockets were fired on a brick factory at R-230032, 5 direct hits were scored through the roof starting a fire and damaging the factory. 1 supply building was strafed and destroyed near the factory. 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Buhl, R-289109, destroying 5 box cars, 2 buildings and damaging the M/Y. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1740 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1617 hours, 24 February 1945, Lt. Knoll leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. and 8 x 460 lb. M-i7 bombs and 24 4.5 rockets were dropped on a M/Y at Homburg, 16 direct hits were scored 9 buildings destroyed, 4 damaged, 4 box cars destroyed, 25 box cars damaged, 1 fuel tank destroyed, 8 railcuts scored. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered over Homburg, Time down at A-96, 1825 hours.

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B. 1. 48 x P47D's.
2. 48.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 48 sorties.

C. 1. 16 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 7 jettisoned.

D. 1. 98:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 91,200 x .50 cal.
2. 2,420.
3. None.

F. 1. 68 x 500 lb. (32 G.P. Normal - 36 RDX. Normal)
16 x 460 lb. M-17 Incendiary clusters.
40 x 4.5 Rockets.
2. 68 x 500 lb.
16 x 460 lb.
40 x 4.5 Rockets.
3 and 4, None.

G. None.

H. None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

18 buildings destroyed.
4 " damaged.
1 factory damaged.
9 box cars destroyed.
25 box cars damaged.
1 supply dump damaged.
8 railcuts.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY E. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
24 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 24 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2870 (Weather recce)

2 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on weather recce up at 1515 down at 1650, recce'd Saarbrucken - Zweibrucken - Pirmasens - Homburg - Kaiserlautern. Zweibrucken & Pirmasens area 2/10ths top 5000'; Kaiserlautern area 6/10ths - 7/10ths top 5000'; N & E of Kaiserlautern 10/10ths top 5000'.

Mission 2871 (Armed recce)

10 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1600 down at 1730, target, trains in Homburg area. 5 A/C bombed loco & 22 plus boxcars & 3 oil cars at Q-658832. T.O.T. 1635, bomb run to 2000', 8 misses, 2 hits caused road block at Q-659830. 5 A/C bombed loco, no cars, at Q-673797, 2 hits cut rails W of loco, 8 misses. 2 A/C strafed same loco, it exploded, 1 loco destroyed. 2 A/C strafed 6 MT at Q-786880, 6 MT damaged. 2 A/C strafed 15 plus boxcars at Q-796887, 5 cars damaged. Scant accurate LAA at Q-653833, scant LAA & HAA at Q-673797. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat #2. Weather, Kaiserlautern area 2/10ths base 5000'. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2872 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1600 down at 1745, target, tanks in woods. 1 A/C bombed & shot 6 rockets at 2 tanks at Q-542655, 2 bombs & 6 rockets, near misses, damaging 1 tank, confirmed by controller. 7 A/C bombed & fired 10 rockets at 2 tanks at Q-535650. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 800', 14 hits & 10 rockets in target area damaging 2 tanks, confirmed by controller. 8 A/C strafed target area, no results observed. 8 A/C strafed & fired 4 rockets into town of Eschringen at Q-540659, no results observed. 1 A/C fired 4 rockets at 2 small vehicles at Q-550660, all misses. Scant accurate LAA at Q-535650. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Weather 6/10ths 2700' - 3000' target area, increasing to 10/10ths 2700' - 3000' at Saareunion. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 24 Rockets.

Mission 2873 (Armed recce)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1615 down at 1800, target, RR repair crane at Q-671795. T.O.T. 1730, 2 hits cut rails at Q-673798, 2 hits W end of M/Y at Q-680800 caused tremendous explosion with orange flame & brown smoke rose to 6000', 18 unobserved due to smoke from explosion & heavy haze. 1 A/C dropped 2 bombs in Homburg, no results observed. Intense LAA at Q-6779. Weather 8/10ths 2000' - 5000', 10/10ths 2000' - 5000' Pirmasens E & S heavy ground haze. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2874 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce up at 1620 down at 1820, target RR between Q-860904 & Q-820892. T.O.T. 1750, bomb run to 1500', 2 near misses on overpass at Q-841897, damaged it & cut rails, 2 hits cut rails at Q-835894, 2 hits cut rails at Q-854900, 6 misses, 2 unobserved. 1 A/C returned early, dropped 2 bombs on road at Q-677657, caused road block. Scant inaccurate LAA between Q-860904 & Q-820892. Weather 4/10ths - 6/10ths 2000' - 5000' target area increasing to 6/10ths - 8/10ths 2000' - 5000' en route to base, heavy ground haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

WEATHER RECCE MISSION 24 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	2
	(ii)	2
	(viii)	2
Note 5 D	(i)	2:40
Note 6 E	(i)	4,000

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	38
	(ii)	38
	(vii)	1 Flak, Cat #1 1 Flak, Cat.#2
	(viii)	38
Note 5 D	(i)	64:45
Note 6 E	(i)	76,000
	(ii)	7,280
Note 7 F	(i)	76 x 500 lb GP 24 Rockets
	(ii)	76 x 500 lb GP 24 Rockets

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT		6
Tanks	1	3
RR cars		5
Highway bridges		1

	Complete
Road blocks	2
RR cuts	5

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

EG/5

26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 223 ~~for the period~~ ending Sunset 24 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Escort medium bombers mission.

A. A.O.15. 12 P-47s of the 366 Squadron dispatched at 1358 to escort medium bombers. Route flown was base to Epinal to St Die to Ettenheim to Bondorf to Blumberg to P/T, to M-741267, and then retraced route back to base. R/V at Epinal 1420 hours, 10,000 ft. Withdrew from bombers at St Die, 1521 hours, 10,000 ft. Time over target areas: 1420-1545. Bombers broke up in target area and bombed through a hole on M/Y. There was a concentrated pattern on the yard. No bombers were in trouble. There was no flak, no losses, and no e/a seen. Weather: 4-5/10 cloud, base unknown, tops 8,000 ft, with visibility above unlimited. Down 1605.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C completed mission, escorting medium bombers.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 25:55
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4. (2) Operations No.: A.O. 16 and 17. Rail interdiction and rail cutting missions.

A. A.O. 16. 14 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1658 hours to perform rail interdiction. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Kaiserlautern to base. Time in target areas: 1730-1800 hours. Squadron could not attack briefed RR line because of solid overcast. 15 bombswere dropped at R-170015 on 20-25 coal cars, with 3 direct hits and 3 near misses 4 cars destroyed and 1 rail cut. 12 bombs were dropped on road bridge at R-093955 -- missed. 12 bombs were dropped on 25 boxcars (no loco) at R-193038, with 3 direct hits and 3 near misses. Also strafed. Claim 6 boxcars destroyed, 10 box cars damaged, and 2 rail cuts. 1 A/C aborted, because of broken oil line, and returned to base with its 3 bombs. Along route, a pile of cases were observed at R-035934 and 10-12 Nissen huts at R-070945. Flak: moderate light at R-117985. No losses and no e/a seen. Weather: 10/10, base 2500, tops 3500-4000, and visibility 3-5 miles. Down 1850.

A.O. 17. 16 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1520 to go on rail cutting. 47 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Q-6881 to R-1991 to base. Time over target areas: 1555-1630. 6 GPs dropped on RR tunnel at R-185901 -- missed, but 1 rail cut. 6 GPs on RR tunnel at R-179926 -- missed tunnel, but three hits in town destroyed 1 building. 3 GPs on RR tunnel at R-177934 -- 3 hits on the tops of tunnel knocked debris down into the mouth of it and tunnel is claimed as damaged. 3 GPs on burned out train at R-170015 -- all misses. 6 GPs on RR bridge over river and road at R-179018 -- all misses. 23 GPs at Q-672797, on 1 loco with 40 cars facing W, 15 coal cars, 25 flat cars loaded with equipment, 2 flat cars with 4 M/T -- 9 direct hits destroyed 8 flat cars and their equipment, also destroyed 4 M/Ts and 4 coal cars, 1 loco and 20 cars were damaged at this point by strafing. The following claims are made from strafing: 1 20mm quad gun at Q-6881 damaged; 1 M/T facing SW destroyed at Q-6578; 1 trailer at Q-685770 damaged; 1 control tower at Zweibrucken M/F damaged; of 20 M/T facing W and scattered along the roads between R-180934 and R-200949;

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10 M/T were damaged; of 20 MT and staff cars plus one heavy tank facing W along the road from R-200949 to R-2896 13 M/T were damaged, 1 gasoline M/T exploded and was destroyed; 2 staff cars and 1 M/T also destroyed, and the heavy tank was strafed three times; of 1 motorcycle followed by 3 staff cars going E at R-325961, 1 staff car was destroyed, 2 cars were damaged, and 1 motorcycle was damaged; 2 staff cars going S at R-2097 were destroyed; 1 staff car going S at R-1996 destroyed; 5 staff cars headed S between R-190985 and R-199970 damaged; 1 staff going W at R-128991 destroyed; of 1 loco with 30 flt cars loaded with 30 M/T at R-125000, 10 M/T were damaged; 1 saw mill at R-0201 damaged; 1 oil car at R-025999 damaged; 1 glass-roofed factory at R-0195 damaged. The following observations were made en route: 3 M/T parked in the town at R-135991; 200 M/T traveling in both directions between Homburg and Kaiserslautern; PW camp with black roof, large white PW, and with large PW on the grass and 3 bldgs at R-9189. Flak: intense light and scant heavy at R-6881; intense light at R-7074; scant light at R-1299; and intense light at R-1300. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 2 (Flak). and 1 MYR, Lt John C. Cummings, who is believed to have bailed out at R-6372 although he was actually last seen at R-672797. No e/a were seen. Weather: 7/10, base 3,000, top 5,000, visibility above unlimited with visibility below up sun 1/2 mile and down sun 5 miles. Down 1715.

B. (i) 30 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 13 P-47s dropped bombs on the following:-
R-170015, on 20-25 coal cars.
R-083955, on road bridge.
R-193038, 25 boxcars.
Also strafed.

16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
R-185901, on RR tunnel.
R-179926, on RR tunnel.
R-177934, on RR tunnel.
R-170015, on burned out train.
R-179018, on RR bridge over river and road.
R-672797, on loco and 40 cars, loaded with equipment.
Also strafed the following:-
1 20mm quad gun at R-6881.
1 M/T facing SW at R-6572.
1,trailer at R-685770.
1,control tower at Zweibrucken.
20 M/T facing W on road between R-180934 and R-200949.
20 M/T and staff cars plus one heavy tank at R-200949
13 M/T, 1 gasoline M/T, 2 staff cars and 1 M/T, and heavy tank, 1 motorcycle and 3 staff cars at R-325961.
2 staff cars going S at R-2097.
1 staff car going S at R-1996.
5 staff cars headed S between R-190985 and R-199980.
1 staff car going W at R-128991.

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Loco with 30 flat cars loaded with 30 M/T at M-125000.
1 sawmill at A-0201.
1 oil car at A-025999.
1 glass roofed factory at R-0195.

29 A/C completed missions.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c, mechanical, oil line broke.

(iv) 1 P-47D-30RE 44-32945, MIA. Last seen at [redacted]-672797. Hit by flak.

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 1 A/C hit by flak, damaged, category 2.

(viii) 29

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 55:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 73,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 17,050 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).

F. (i) 89 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail M113, nose spikes 17.
(ii) 86 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
15 GPs on 20-25 coal cars, at M-170015.
12 GPs on road bridge at R-083955.
12 GPs on 25 boxcars at M-193038.
6 GPs on RR tunnel at R-185901.
6 GPs on RR tunnel at R-177926.
3 GPs on RR tunnel at R-177934.
3 GPs on burned out train at M-170015.
6 GPs on RR bridge over river and road at M-179018.
23 GPs on loco with 40 cars facing W, loaded with equipment at [redacted]-672797.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
3 - 500# GP bombs returned to base (on abortive A/C.).

G. JOHN C. CUMMINGS, 1st Lt., AC., O-807235. MIA.
(Last seen at [redacted]-672797).

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 14
c) Damaged, 41

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3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 22
c) Damaged, 41

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads cut, 4

17. Other claims;
Control tower c) Damaged, 1
Tunnel, c) Damaged, 1

4. (3). Operation No.: A.C. 25. Dive-bombing mission.

A. A.C.25. 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron were dispatched at 1528 to dive bomb rail stock and tunnels. 33 - 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Boblingen to Horb along RR line and back to base. Briefed recce route was not flown because of bad weather in that area. Time over target areas was 1625-1640. 9 CPs on W-910960 cut 2 rails at that point and another rail cut 1 mile SE of this point. 12 CPs on loco and 5 cars with steam up and moving W - direct hits, destroyed loco (seen to blow up) and cut RR about 20 yards E of W-775835. 12 CPs on tunnel at W-805834 -- near misses, no claim made. 1 M/T facing N at W-820830 destroyed by strafing. There were no observations. Flak: moderate light at W-7688. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 1 (flak) and 1 a/c Cat 2 (flak). Airdrome with a long concrete runway at W-760883 contained dummy aircraft and probably 1 E/A in the hangar. The dummy a/c were strafed and 3 are claimed damaged. Weather: cloudy, 8/10 clouds, base 2500, tops 4,000 and visibility below 3 to 5 miles. Down 1735.

B. (i) 11 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
W-910960, rails.
W-775835, loco and 5 cars, and R" tracks.
W-805834, tunnel.
Also strafed, 1 M/T facing N at W-820830.
11 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged, 1 cat 1, flak; and 1 cat 2, flak.
(viii) 11

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C. Nil

D. (i) 23:05
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 26,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 7,775 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 33 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail M113.
(ii) 33 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
9 GPs on W-910960, cut 2 rails and another at 1 mile SE.
12 GPs on loco and 5 cars at W-775835.
12 GPs on tunnel at W-805834.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 5

11. Railroads cut, 3

1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 1

17. Other claims;
Tunnel, c) Damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH G. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (H) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 24 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____
2. a. Type Mission : _____ b. Escorted by : _____
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - WEATHER OVER TARGET.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results : MISSIONS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER. ONE (1) FORMATION WAS AIRBORNE, BUT AIRCRAFT WERE RECALLED TO BASE SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C(B26C16-41-34978), crashed on take-off. A/C transferred to 51st Ser. Sidn. as salvaged.	Blew main left tire causing A/C to run off runway.	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 24 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 508

1. No. Off 21 B-26's Time Up 13:04 Time Down 16:27 Total Hours 70:33
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 10/10ths Stratocumulus, target open. Coverage was 7/10ths in the area.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
3 B-26's	Spares

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

5. Target: (1) [redacted] (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	M/Y (") W-312228	Blumberg W-5916	15:21	9 B-26's	10,400
(2)	Rail line and factory (") W-339248		15:21	9 B-26's	10,000
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Compressed formation. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation, squadrons in trail, rejoined in route formation after break. Axis of Attack - 1st 184°T. 2nd 155°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 15 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 90

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - Bombs on the target at M/Y (") W-312228, but through smoke of the bombing of the first squadrons bombing, no results were observed. Bombs hit target at rail line factory (") W-339248 destroying buildings and cutting the rail line.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&non delay	142	126				None	16
500#GP	6-12hr delay	26	18				None	8

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	63,000	400 Test.

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
none			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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Signature
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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 442nd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 24 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 507

1. No. Off 30 B-26's Time Up 12:50 Time Down 16:08 Total Hours 96:17

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 10/10ths stratocumulus, target open. Coverage 7.10ths in the area.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
3 B-26's	Spares

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Bombay doors failed to open

5. Target: (1) ~~IBBENDINGEN, GERMANY~~ (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	(W) W-249238	Blumberg W-5916	15:16	9 B-26's	11,500
(2)	M/Y W-312228		15:05 15:16	9 B-26's 8 B-26's	11,200 10,800
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation. Regained route formation in break. Bombing Procedure. - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 1st 310°T. 2nd 170°T. 3rd 170°T. Withdrawal - Broke right.. Evasive action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 40 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 60

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - Squadron bombing M/Y at (W) W-312228 covered area with an excellent concentration of bombs, cutting the tracks. Bombs of other squadron struck wooded area at (W) W-249238 and no results were observed.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&non delay	205	178				None	23
500#GP	6-12 hr delay	35	26				None	8

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	4	Hung up due to delay fuse	(W) W-312228 Lake South of base.
500#GP 6-12hr delay	1		

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	90,000	103 test

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn:26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th Tac Recn Sq.

Ref : Oprep A No 131 for 24 hrs ending sunset 24 February 1945. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3848 TR/11/24/27

A. 2 F 60's from 1605 to 1805 to recce Homburg, Kaiserslautern, Saarbrucken. OBSNS: 2 locos s/u 1 fog NE M/Y Homburg. M/Y Homburg 3/4 filled. 1 MT mvg N Q-7385. 2 lge MT (white colored) mvg W at Q-5286. No other mvt seen due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 7/10 3-4000' in area with ground haze. TOA: 1620 to 1715.
B. 2 F60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3849 TR/8/24/18

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1805 to recce Saarbrucken, Neuenkirchen, Homburg, St. Ingbert. OBSNS: 2 locos s/u Homburg M/Y (F/B's hitting M/Y which is about 3/4 filled with mostly boxcars). 1 HDV at Q-5974. 2 MT mvg S with 20 plus troops marching at Q-5966. NMS Neuenkirchen. Zweibrucken M/Y 1/3 filled with mostly boxcars. NMS Saarbrucken to Saarlautern. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 7/10 4000' with haze over area. TOA: 1630 to 1750.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3850 TR/23/24/22

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1705 to recce Drusenheim, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: NMS Drusenheim to Lauterburg. Karlsruhe overcast and u/o. Weaver developed engine trouble and landed at Y2 while leader returned to base. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3-4000' with large breaks battle area. TOA: 1635 to 1645.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) 1 aborted due to mechanical failure. (iv) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3851 TR/19/24/26

A. 2 F 60's from 1610 to 1810 to recce Offenburg, Karlsruhe, Rastatt. OBSNS: Offenburg M/Y about 1/2 filled, no activity. 100 plus cars in M/Y at W-1794. Area E of Rhine overcast and u/o. Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Rastatt overcast and u/o. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 4-5000' over battle area with few holes. TOA: 1645 to 1750.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

24 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 162 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 24 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 531 TR/4/24/4

A. 2 F6C's from 1615-1750. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 4 flat cars, one of which is approx 75 feet long appearing camouflaged on siding at R-1642. 3 fires in town at R-0701. Wissembourg M/Y 2 flat cars, 2 box cars. No other observations, due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENMMY FLAK: S-I-L at R-1642. PHOTOS: Oblique of RR cars at R-1642 2500' 360° at 1730 hrs. RADIO CONATCT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1635-1730. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2500-3000'.
B. 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 532 TR/15/24/8

A. 2 F6D's from 1610-1830. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Speyer M/Y appears empty, no activity. 4 M/T mvg S at R-3786. 4 M/T STAT, direction unknown, At R-3689. NMS on Autobahn from Kaiserslautern to Frankenthal. Western approach to RR bridge at M-4717 slightly damaged by bombing. 6 HDT, fac S and 2 fac N at M-4218. M/Y at M-3108 1/2 full..2 locos S/U in yard. 4 M/T mvg S at M-3315. 50 M/T, STAT, in woods at R-1781, called to controller. 6 pontoons W bank Rhine at M-4522. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at R-1781. S-I-L at Germersheim, M-A-L at R-2956. PHOTOS: Vertical of RR tracks at M-2315 3000' 360° at 1700 hrs. Vertical of buildings at M-3007 3000' 270° at 1705 hrs. Vertical of RR tracks at R-2068 3000' 270° at 1720 hrs. Vertical of buildings at R-0282 3000' 360° at 1735 hrs. Vertical of buildings at M-3007 3000' 180° at 1750 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA:1635-1805. WEATHER: Moderate haze 10/10 from 3000-3500' with open spots over target area.
B. 2 F6D's. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.40 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 533 TR/27/24/12

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1615-1810. To recce in route # 2. OBSERVATIONS: P-47's D/B town at R-0903, starting 2 fires. No other observations . ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique of train at R-0903 4000' 180° at 1700 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1630-1750. WEATHER: 9-10/10, top 4000' base unknown, vis 1 mile.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.50 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 330 for 24 hours ending sunset
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Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374 U. S. Army.

REF: 2424/45 SECRET

OPER: A No. 558 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 24 February 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne during the period. First intruder from 18:30 to 21:45. Intruder mission in Frieberg, Ludwigshafen, Karlsruhe and Neustadt area. Reached intruder point at 18:58, flew north for 20 miles on west bank of Rhine then crossed to east side and flew for 25 minutes between Rhine and mountains between 2 and 3.000 ft. Observed lights on 1 M/T but lights were extinguished before attack could be made. No other observations made. Patrolled to Basle area at request of GCI. Reached patrol area at 19:55. At 20:10 observed large red ball about 8 to 10 miles behind A/C at 6.000 ft. which lasted about 20 seconds which went out when we turned for better observation. This light was at W-1036. Encountered scant light flak at 20 miles N/E of Basel at 20:25. Vectored onto Bogey at 20:28 by GCI. Colsed in and made contact at 5 miles but indentified A/C as Halifax, time 20:40, 6 miles NN/W of Basel. Second intruder from 21:30 to 23;35. Intruded in Landau, Stuttgart, Wissembourg area. Reached patrol area at 21:55. Observed large fire in Stuttgart area. No heavy traffic observed only few scattered M/T's. Observed enemy artillery fire in Strasbourg - Bishwiller area. At R-2864 saw 4 M/T's headed in a southern direction at 22:45. Fired on M/T's observing strikes on all four vehicles. Claim 4 M/T's damaged. Was vectored onto Bogey by GCI, made chase but GCI said that Bogey was friendly. Third Intruder from 23:05 to 23:40. Nothing to report. A/C developed engine trouble befor reaching patrol area. Returned to base. Fourth mission from 00:30 to 02:20. Intruded in Frieberg, Ludwigshafen, Karlsruhe and Neustadt area. Arrived at intruder point at 01:05. Flew around in area but observed no activity because of very poor visibility, less than 1 mile. Flew south to vicinity of Ottenheim. No activity observed on way down. Encountered two burst of light flak at V-9899. Vectored onto Bogey but failed to pick up contact. Patrolled in Colmar area, no observations made. Returned to base because rapidly decreasing visibility.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None

(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Three

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 7:45

E. ((i) 4.000 x 20MM. 24.000 x .303
(ii) 200 x 20MM
(iii) None

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(ii) Three
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(c) One
(d) None

(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Three

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 7:45

E. (i) 4.000 x 20MM. 24.000 x .303
(ii) 200 x 20MM
(iii) None

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F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 4 M/T Damaged.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
MAJOR, AC,
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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO #374,
U. S. Army,
26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Att: Stat. Officer)

OPREP A. No. 4 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 25 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 45, 46,47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 45. 16 a/c off at 1320 on escort of 48 B-26s attacking Seigelsbach ammo dump at R-984753. TOT 1450. All planes landed at 1555. Escort uneventful. Flames and black smoke reaching 1500 feet observed as a result of the bombing. Moderate heavy inaccurate flak from M-2080. Pre-briefed. Weather 7/10 from 4000' to 6000'.

1555
1320
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x16

A. AO 46. 12 a/c off at 0840 on bombing mission of rail line between M-1400 to M-3208. TOT 0935, all planes landed at 1110. Rail bridge at M-1802 bombed from 5,000' with 2 direct hits on tracks on W. approach, 10 near misses. Bridge still passable. After bombing locomotives at R-6094 were attacked with damage to one. Flight was jumped by 20 F/A, FW190s and ME109s, at R-5288. 24 x 500lb bombs expended on target. Flak: Moderate accurate from Wörrheim, intense inaccurate 20mm from Heidelberg, also from R-5270. Pre-briefed. Weather - CAVU.

A. AO 47. 12 a/c off at 1215 to bomb rail line between M-1400 and M-3208. TOT 1310, all planes landed at 1420. Rail bridge at M-1802 bombed from 9,000 feet with poor results. 17 near misses, 6 misses, 1 jettisoned. Flak: Scant inaccurate from R-4588. Weather over target area CAVU.

A. AO 48. 11 a/c off at 1430 to effect rail cuts by bombing on line between M-1400 and M-3208. TOT 1535. 1 early return. 10 planes landed at 1730. Rail bridges at M-185030 attacked from 4,500' by 4 a/c with no results, and at M-178015 by 2 a/c with 4 near misses. 4 a/c attacked 20 plus MR cars at R-2104 with no results. Bombings were from 4000' to 5000'. One locomotive strafed and destroyed at M-5107. One FW190 attacked by 1 of our aircraft and last seen headed for earth at 500'. Flak: scant accurate 88mm from R-4595 and R-6457. Intense accurate 40 and 20mm from M-5407. 20 x 500 GP dropped on targets. Weather 6/10 at 6,000'.

A. AO 49. 12 a/c off at 0950 to bomb rail line between M-1400 and M-3208. TOT 1145, all planes landed at 1250. Marshalling yards at M-1038 bombed from 5500 feet with 21 bombs in target area. 12 boxcars ~~xx~~ in M/Y strafed with no results observed. 2 bombs hung, 1 jettisoned in E/T. Flak: Scant inaccurate 20mm from M-1038; scant accurate 88mm from M-3224. Pre-briefed. Weather - 5/10 at 3,000 feet, 6 mile vis.

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OPREP A (CONT'D)

A. AO 50. 16 a/c off at 0850, TOT 0940 to 1040. All planes landed at 1200. Pre-briefed to bomb rail concentrations from X-1091 to W-5381. 4 a/c attacked locomotive and 5 cars at W-6445. No results. 8 a/c bombed 100 plus boxcars and 3 locomotives at Rottweil (W-6753) 4 direct hits on cars, 2 direct hits on round house, 4 direct hits on tracks. 4 a/c bombed locomotive with 20 plus cars at W-6565, several near misses. Bombs dropped from between 4,000 and 5000 feet. Locomotive and 3 cars strafed at W-9377 with damage to all. Flak: Moderate light inaccurate from Rottweil. Intense light inaccurate from W-9075. Weather - CAVU over target area.

A. AO 51. 12 a/c off at 0830, TOT 0940, 0950 and 1015. All planes landed at 1120. Pre-briefed to bomb rail concentrations between Pforzheim and S-0457. 4 a/c bombed marshalling yards at Pforzheim with 8 hits in yards from 4000'. 1 direct hit on turntable. Locomotive and ten cars bombed by 4 a/c from 4500' at S-0471 with two direct hits on cars destroying 6 and damaging the rest and engine. 4/ac bombed from 6,000' marshalling yards at R-9789 with direct hits on tracks and 2 buildings in yards. 2 bombs hung, later jettisoned. Flak: Intense light accurate at R-7234. Weather - Hazy restricting vis. to 5 miles.

A. AO 53. 12 a/c off at 1025 onpre-briefed bombing mission of rail concentrations between S-0743 and R-3928. TOT 1230, all planes landed at 1310. Ground Controller directed flight to 15 medium tanks at Q-5874. Bombs dropped from 4500 feet with no results observed. Flak: Moderate light accurate from Q-5874. Weather - 7/10 from 2500 to 4000' over target area.

A. AO 55. 16 a/c off at 1410 on pre-briefed bombing missionof rail concentrations in area number 7. TOT 1530. 13 planes landed at 1650. 2 early returns, 1 landed andcrashed at Luneville. 6 a/c bombed locomotive and 5 cars at R-8842. 2 direct hits on tracks in front of train. Flight then strafed and damaged cars and engine. Bombs dropped from 5,000'. 4 a/c bombed from 3500' locomotive and cars at R-7089 with 2 direct hits on track. 2 trucks at R-7374 strafed, 1 damaged, 1 destroyed. 15 to 20 ME 109s made one pass on 4 a/c damaging 2 with 20mm fire. Flak: Intense light accurate at R-8545. Intense light from Heidelberg. Weather - 4/10 between 6 to 8000'.

B. 1. 119 P47Ds.
2. 116 P47Ds. (1) (2) (3)
3. 3 P47Ds - tail wheel tire blew on takeoff. Rough engine. Wing man accompanied him back.
4. 1 P-47D-25RE-42-26694 (unknown)
5. Nil
6. 1 P-47D crash landed,10RF-42-74995 (salvage) (E/A fire)
7. 3 P-47Ds category 1; 6 P-47Ds category 2.
8. 116 sorties

LFSC
16-
40 hours

C. 1. 119 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. 10 75 gal. belly tanks.

D. 1. 325 hours 10 minutes. (285:10) +(40:00)
2. Nil

E. 1. 385,000 x .50 cal.
2. 17,480 x .50 cal.
3. 6,800 x .50 cal.

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OPREP A (CONT'D)

F. 1. 60 x 500# RDX
146 x 500# GP
2. 60 x 500# RDX
128 x 500# GP.
3. 12 x 500# GP jettisoned in Enemy territory. 4 Hung. 8 when jumped by F/A.
4. Nil

G. George W. Bull, 2nd Lt., O-2057543 (KIA)
Platt, Robert W., 2nd Lt., O-2057678 (WIA)
Reece, John W., 1st Lt., O-820573 (WIA)

H. 1. 1 FW-190
2. 1 FW-190
3. Nil

I. Claims:

12 Rail cuts
1 Rail bridge damaged.
2 locomotives destroyed.
1 Turntable destroyed.
10 boxcars destroyed.
21 boxcars damaged
1 roundhouse damaged.
1 locomotive damaged.

IRA E. OVER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 290.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 290 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1240 hours, 25 February 1945, Major Riggin leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Escort was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1538 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0752 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Campbell leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron expended 23 x 500 lb. bombs and 10 x 4.5 rockets on a RR bridge at Rastatt, 2 direct hits were scored on the bridge, 2 direct hits on the North approach, 1 on the South approach. 8 rockets were returned to base. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Rastatt. Time down at A-96, 0921 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1030 hours, 25 February 1945, Major Personett leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 44 x 500 lb. bombs on a RR bridge at Rastatt, 8 direct hits were scored on the bridge and it's approaches. Bridge is probably in no condition for traffic. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was returned to the base. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered over target. Time down at A-96, 1215 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0801 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Landberg leading. 10 P47D's took off and completed mission. 35 x 500 lb. bomb were dropped on a M/Y at Mannheim, 4 direct hits caused considerable damage to the M/Y. Squadron strafed a troop car N of Landau, vehicle and personnel were destroyed. 1 x 500 lb. bombs was returned to the base. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at A-0837. Time down at A-96, 0955 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1109 hours, 25 February 1945, Capt. Bass leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 24 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped along a railroad track at A-170098, 1 culvert was knocked out, 1 building destroyed and 6 railcuts scored. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a railroad track at A-218137, 3 railcuts were scored. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at A-220138, 10 box cars were destroyed, 40 box cars were damaged. Squadron strafed a train loaded with M-T's and tanks at A-390498. 3 tanks were destroyed, 7 tanks were damged, 25 M-T's were destroyed, 25 M-T's were damaged, 20 RR cars were destroyed, 20 RR cars were damaged. No flak encountered. Time down A-96, 1309.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1420 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Rathbone leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 12 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a rail center at M-109071, 1 railcut was scored. 12 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a bridge at M-136088, all bombs missed the bridge. 11 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on MT tracks at M-135086, 2 buildings were destroyed and 2 railcuts were scored. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was jettisoned at U-5823. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered NE of Hagenau. Time down at A-96, 1625 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0810 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Palmer leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. 14 x 500 lb, 8 x M-17 bombs and 16 x 4.5 rockets were expended on a M/Y at R-395495, 8 direct hits started numerous fires. 1 locomotive was strafed and damaged at R-875527. 2 locomotives, 20 box cars strafed and damaged at R-600836. 1 round house strafed and destroyed at R-395495. Moderate, accurate, heavy flak encountered at R-600836. Time down at A-96, 1018 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1318 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Adkins leading. 15 P47D's took off and 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 lb., 8 x M-17 bombs and 18 x 4.5 rockets at R-098372. 4 warehouses were the targets, 1 warehouse was damaged, 2 railcuts were scored. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned safe in a lake at Q-3922. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at R-082379. Time down at A-96, 1512 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1635 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a RR junction at R-092368, 1 railcut was scored. 8 x M-17 bombs were dropped on a town at R-105375, numerous fires were started, 7 buildings destroyed. 12 x 4.5 rockets were expended on a factory at R-119330, factory was set afire and 1 railcut scored. Intense, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at R-105375. Time down A-96, 1819 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1620 hours, 25 February 1945, Lt. Hudson leading. 12 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb, 8 x M-17 bombs and 32 rockets on a M/Y at R-413487, 8 buildings were destroyed, 2 large fires were burning with red flames and black smoke. 4 box cars were destroyed, 1 locomotive and 2 box cars damaged by 16 rockets at R-391498. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-413487. Time down at A-96, 1755 hours.

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DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 137 x P47D's.
2. 135 completed mission.
3. 2-C 1 Radio out
1 Rough Eng.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT I - Flak.
8. 135 sorties.

C. 1. 10 x 150 gallon tanks
12 x 75 gallon tanks
2. 3 x 150
5 x 75

D. 1. 264:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 260,300 x .50 cal.
2. 28,648.
3. None.

F. 1. 236 x 500 lb.(84-GP, 152-RDX)
32 x 400 lb. M-17
94 x 4.5 Rockets.
2. 232 x 500lb.
32 x 400lb.
~~94~~ 40 x 4,5.
3. 2 x 500lb.
4. 2 x 500 lb. returned base.
16 x 4.5 rockets returned base.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.
2 bridges damaged.
3 M/T damaged.
1 vehicle destroyed.
15 railcuts.
18 buildings destroyed.
54 [illegible] cars destroyed.
[illegible] cars damaged.
[illegible] tanks destroyed.
7 tanks damaged.
25 M-T's destroyed.
25 M-T's damaged.
4 locomotives damaged.
1 round house destroyed.
1 warehouse damaged.
1 factory damaged.

For the Group Commander:

ESCORT

B. 1. 15 x P47D's.
2. 15.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 15 sorties.

C. 1. 10 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 10.

D. 1. 45:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 28,500 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.

F, G, H, I, None.

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1st Lt., AC, Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S.Army
25 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 25 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2875 (Dive bomber mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0715 down at 0855, target, RR between R-0268 & Landau. 3 A/C bombed loco & 20 plus boxcars at Q-982690. T.O.T. 0740, bomb run to 2000', 1 hit cut rails at R-023672, 2 misses, 2 hits on boxcars destroyed 3 cars. 4 A/C bombed RR W. of Landau. T.O.T. 0750, 2 hits cut rails at R-150674, 2 hits cut rails at R-147675, 4 misses. 4 A/C bombed RR between R-056674 & R-082667 & R-082667. 1 A/C that attacked 1st target dropped 1 x 500 lb bomb here. T.O.T. 0800, bomb run to 2000', 9 hits made rail cuts in this area. 3 A/C strafed 1 loco at Q-694797, no results observed. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs at Q-2822. Intense LAA at Q-6676. Weather light to moderate ground haze 3000' - 4000' entire route, high clouds 6/10ths 18,000' in target area. Bombs exp: 23 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2876 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0730 down at 1000, target, RR tracks & cars at R-250561. T.O.T. 1810, bomb run to 1000', 4 direct hits in center of cars, destroyed 2 boxcars & 2 flat cars & 2 MT, 4 misses. 4 A/C made 3 strafing runs on same train damaging loco, 5 boxcars & 5 MT. 4 A/C bombed loco & 30 plus boxcars at R-360513. T.O.T. 0825, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits bracketed train, no damage observed. 4 A/C strafed same train, damaged loco & 6 boxcars. 4 A/C strafed loco & 12 boxcars at R-395602, loco & 4 boxcars damaged. 8 A/C strafed airfield at M-5520 with 3 twin engine E/ac, 2 E/ac damaged. Mod. LAA at 250561, intense LAA at M-5520. Weather CAVU, ground haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2877 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0745 down at 0900, target, troop concentration in town of Schoenick at Q-410695. T.O.T. 0820, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits SE of target, 2 hits S. & 10 hits & 16 rockets in town, destroying 8 buildings & damaged 4. Flight strafed target. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs at Q-4216. Intense accurate LAA E & W of Q-410695. Weather, CAVU with ground haze. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 16 Rockets.

Mission 2878 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0755 down at 0910, target, water tower & O.P. at Q-415689. T.O.T. 0835, bomb run to 3000', 9 hits within 20 yds of tower, 1 hit between tower & building alongside, caused small explosion, 6 misses. Mod. LAA at Q-415689. Weather, haze to 3000', light scud from 12,000' to 15,000'. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2879 (Armed recce)

6 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0810 down at 0930, target, town of Hostenback at Q-338714. T.O.T. 0845, bomb run to 1500', 8 hits in town, 2 hits S. edge of town, 7 buildings destroyed, 5 damaged. 5 A/C strafed 2 tank cars & 1 boxcar at Q-341740, all 3 cars damaged. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned bombs in lake at Q-295215. Scant small arms fire Q-338714. Weather CAVU, slight ground haze. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2880 (Dive bomber mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1000 down at 1145, target, RR & tunnel entrance at R-133691. T.O.T. 1030, bomb run to 1500', 2 near misses W. entrance, 12 hits in small town E. of tunnel, started fires, 10 misses. Scant LAA at R-133691. Weather, base to target, ground haze to 3000', clear above. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2881 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1020 down at 1200, target, town of Eschringen at Q-540660. T.O.T. 1100, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits at Q-541659, stables & 4 buildings damaged, 2 hits at Q-540660, stables & 2 buildings damaged, 2 hit road at Q-542666, road block, 10 hits outside town on all sides. 18 rockets fired into town, flight also strafed but saw nothing. Weather CAVU with ground haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 18 rockets.

Mission 2882 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1030 down at 1200, target, 15 tanks & MT at Q-446804. T.O.T. 1110, bomb run to 1000', 16 hits in target area, but because of woods & clouds at 1500' results could not be observed, flight strafed 3 times, 1st run started fire in center of column, on last 2 runs 2 small fires at each end of column. Controller said very good show. Scant LAA at target. Weather, light scud at 1500' at target, hazy. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2883 (Armed recce)

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1040 down at 1230, target, bridge at Q-347728, smoke put on target. T.O.T. 1115, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits N. of river caused explosion on oil tank, tank destroyed, 12 hits in town at Q-346723, A/C strafed in dive. Weather 4/10ths 3000' to 4000' target area very hazy. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2884 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1125 down at 1325, target, town at Q-348724, smoke on target, 4 A/C bombed here. T.O.T. 1145, bomb run to 1000', 4 hits in center of town, 4 buildings destroyed, 4 hits E. destroyed 3 buildings, strafed about 20 houses at Q-340728, 8 buildings damaged. 4 A/C bombed town at Q-298813. T.O.T. 1200, 2 hits on large building, destroying it, 6 hits in town, strafed 3 mounds at Q-335735, no results observed. Weather 5/10ths - 6/10ths 2000' to 3500', getting worse over entire area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2885 (Dive bombing mission)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1255 down at 1445, target, RR at R-210689. T.O.T. 1330, bomb run to 2000', 10 hits in M/Y, 2 hits N. destroying 1 building, 2 hits to S. Flight strafed 40 plus boxcars between R-282552 & R-283542, 10 cars damaged. Scant LAA at R-282553. Weather 5/10ths at 6000'. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2886 (Bomber Escort Mission)

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on Bomber Escort mission up at 1310 down at 1600, rendezvous, Luneville with 48 B-26s at 1345 hours, target, ammodump at R-949747. Results, excellent pattern into target followed by tremendous explosion which jarred pilots at 14,000', smoke up to 7000' in large columns. Left bombers at 10,000' at 1550 hours over base. No incidents. Weather clear below 18,000'.

Mission 2887 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1310 down at 1500, target, buildings at Q-477689. T.O.T. 1350, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits E.of target, 12 hits into buildings in target area, 4 buildings destroyed, 21 rockets fired here. Weather 6/10ths 4000' to 5000' over entire area with haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 21 Rockets.

Mission 2888 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1330 down at 1445, target RR tunnel at Wehrden at Q-346720. T.O.T. 1355, bomb run to 2000', no hits on tunnel or RR. 6 hits into Wehrden, 5 buildings destroyed, 4 hits NE of town, 4 hits started 2 large fires with oil black smoke up to 3000' on either side of river. 2 near misses on road junction at Q-347724, A/C strafed in dive. Weather 6/10ths - 7/10ths 2700' - 3000' in target area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2889 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1425 down at 1625, target RR between R-0268 & Landau. T.O.T. 1510, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on tracks, rail cut at R-105676, 4 hits to S., 2 hits on road next to tracks, road block, 8 hits N. of tracks. Weather 8/10ths at 6000'. Scant LAA at target. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2890 (Armed recce)

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1550 down at 1720, target, factory at Q-398667, smoke on target. T.O.T. 1630, bomb run to 1500', 16 hits & 5 rockets in factory area, 6 hits N. of factory. Intense inaccurate LAA at Q-398667. Weather 1/10th - 3/10ths from 1500' - 3000', heavy ground haze at target. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 5 Rockets.

Mission 2891 (Dive bombing mission)

6 A/C of 316th, 1 A/C of 314th & 1 A/C of 315th Fighter Squadrons on dive bombing mission up at 1605 down at 1725, target, RR between R-0268 & Landau. T.O.T. 1645, bomb run to 1000', 12 hits mouth of tunnel, do not believe tunnel entrance blocked, 4 rail be E. of tunnel, tracks demolished by previous bombing. Intense LAA & scant HAA at R-214686, scant LAA at Q-9171. Weather 8/10ths base 4000' target area, visibility bad due to smoke & haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS 26 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	11	
	(ii)	11	
	(iii)	11	
Note 5 D	(i)	31:10	
Note 6 E	(i)	22,000	

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	55	
	(ii)	54	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(viii)	55	
C	(i)	2	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	98:30	
Note 6 E	(i)	110,000	
	(ii)	16,200	
Note 7 F	(i)	110 x 500 lb GP	
	(ii)	108 x 500 lb GP	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
Note 9 H	(iii)	2 (Twin engine) ✓	

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	81	
	(ii)	78	
	(iii)c.	3	
	(viii)	81	
C	(i)	1	75 gal.
	(ii)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	122:15	
Note 6 E	(i)	162,000	
	(ii)	26,680	
Note 7 F	(i)	162 x 500 lb GP	
		61 Rockets	
	(ii)	156 x 500 lb GP	
		60 Rockets	
	(iii)	4 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 2 x 500 lb GP & 1 Rocket to base)	

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	2	5
Locos		3
RR cars	7	28
Buildings	34	23

	Complete	Partial
Road blocks	2	
RR cuts	8	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No.224 for the period ending Sunset 25 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Escort bombers mission.

A. A.O.15. 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1250 hours to escort bombers. Followed route of base to Luneville to Ettenheim to Wolfach to Heilderstadt to Oppeningen to R-949747; then retraced course to Sr. Die and back to base. Rendezvous was at 10,000 ft at Luneville and Withdrawal at 10,000 ft. at St. Die. Time with bombers: 1310-1448 hours. Bombers were in good formation. An excellent pattern of bomb hits was observed. An ammunition dump blew up resulting in concussion which could be felt up to 12,000 ft and in a column of smoke rising to 7,000 ft. Numerous small explosions followed the first large one, with trees blown over within a wide radius of target. No bombers were in difficulty. 6 E/A, type unknown, believed to be on A/D at R-9510. Flak: Nil. Losses: nil. E/A encountered: nil. Weather: high cirrus, visibility unlimited, Rhine valley covered by haze. Down at base. 1515 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C completed mission, escorting bombers.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 32:35
(ii) Nil

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B. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 16,17 and 18. To perform rail interdiction.

A. A.O.16. 16 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 0720 on rail interdiction. 36 x 500# Bombs, GP were carried. Route flown was base to Neustadt to Kaiserslautern to Zweibrucken to Saarbrucken to base. Time over target areas was 0810-0910. 12 GPs on tunnel at R-202898 containing a train of loco and 8-10 cars with 2 hits on the tracks and 1 direct hit in the tunnel -- much debris around tunnel mouth and it is claimed as damaged, and 1 rail cut. 10 GPs on RR tunnel at R-208880 with 1 hit near the tunnel mouth but no damaged observed. 3 GPs on RR tunnel at R-195905 -- no hits. 3 GPs on RR tunnel at R-128971 -- no hits. 2 GPs on RR tracks at R-175934 -- misses destroyed 1 building in the town. 3 GPs on M/Y at Hochspeyer, R-115940, with 15-20 box cars in yard at time -- 2 hits in yard made 2 railroad cuts, destroyed 2 box cars (seen burning) and M/Y attacked. 1 saw mill adjacent to M/Y was destroyed by strafing (left in flames). 2 GPs on M/Y at Q-965930 containing 2 locos facing each other and 200 box cars -- 1 loco destroyed by bomb hit, rails cut in one place, M/Y attacked. 1 loco and 15 box cars were damaged at this same point by strafing. 1 GP on 30-40 box cars and 1 loco at Q-943945 -- no hits. The following claims were made by strafing: 100 box cars on siding at R-128971 strafed -- 10 cars damaged; train of 1 loco and 7 passenger cars at R-755050 moving E -- loco and 3 cars damaged; loco and 1 box car moving E at R-325887 damaged; 1 M/T headed S at Q-8793 damaged; 2 M/T headed S at Q-8792 damaged; 8 one story OD colored buildings at R-121974 -- 1 building damaged; 1 M/T at R-134825 -- M/T damaged. The following observations were made en route: 10-15 steam trails believed to be locos in St Ingbert-Neunkirchen-Homburg area, but due to height and course no exact location can be given. Flak: Intense light at R-1294 and Q-9444. No losses. No M/A seen. And intense light and scant heavy at Q-9693. Weather: CAVU, Down 0940.

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A.O.17. 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1045 hours to perform rail interdiction. A/C carried 35 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Neustadt to Kaiserslautern to base. Time over target areas: 1130-1230 hours. 2 bombs were dropped on the RR bridge at R-209889 -- there were near misses and a hit in the fill of the tracks. Bridge was probably damaged. 1 bomb was dropped on 30 flat cars with 30 M/Ts on them at M-1200 -- missed. 8 bombs were dropped on the RR tunnel at R-130969, where 10-15 coal cars were observed to be sticking outside of the tunnel. There were 2 direct hits -- 2 cars destroyed, 1 rail cut. Remaining cars were strafed. 1 bomb, which turned out to be a dud, was dropped on the tracks at R-172936. 3 bombs were dropped on the RR bridge at R-201899 -- missed, but 1 road block was effected. 1 bomb was dropped on the 15 flat cars and boxcars protruding from tunnel at R-095931 -- missed. 17 bombs were dropped on Kaiserslautern M/Y where 75-100 box cars were observed. There were 6 hits on the tracks, 3 hits among the cars, and 3 hits on warehouse buildings -- 6 cars destroyed, 1 building destroyed, 1 building damaged, 1 M/Y attacked. 1 bomb dropped on factory building at R-280960 claimed damaged. 1 M/T destroyed by strafing in this same area. 1 bomb dropped on 10 box cars at R-170935 -- no explosion. However, the 10 cars were damaged by strafing. Other strafing attacks and claims: between R-180934 and R-240948, where 14-20 MT were parked, facing W., 1 staff car damaged, 1 M/T destroyed, 13 M/T damaged; at R-160934, 1 M/T damaged; at R-315933, 1 M/T damaged. Along route, 1 American chute was seen hanging in trees at R-184948; 1 B-17 engine was seen at R-234944. Flak: intense heavy and light, with 6 burst of bright red flak, at Q-9592. Losses: nil, E/A:nil. Weather: haze to 6,000 ft., visibility 4-5 miles. Down at base: 1310 hours.

A.O.18. 12 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 1345 to interdict rail lines. 36 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Landau to Zweibrucken to Neustadt to Kaiserslautern to Homburg to Pirmasens to base. Time over target areas was 1420-1520. 12 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-207891 - both ends of the tunnel were damaged and tracks at each end were cut. 3 GPs dropped on RR bridge at R-214885 -- bridge damaged. 9 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-2387 -- SE mouth of tunnel damaged and the tracks were cut. 12 GPs on tunnel at R-2090 -- E end of tunnel damaged, road block, and 2 buildings destroyed. The following claims a re from strafing: truck and trailer parked and facing W at R-160935 damaged; ordnance repair van repairing damaged truck at R-2396 damaged; 1 M/T at R-2295 destroyed; 1 H/D cart going SW at R-2397 destroyed. The following observations were made en route: crates and supplies piled up in M/Y at Rodalben, Q-9271; 30 boxcars in M/Y at Lambrecht at R-2486; 2 tremendous explosions across Rhine, vicinity R-6067, with black smoke to 12,000 ft.; 2 locos, steam up, in Kaiserslautern M/Y. Flak: scant, light and sanct, heavy at Zweibrucken. Losses: nil E/A: nil. Weather: hazy to 12,000 ft, visibility 3-5 miles.

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B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-202898.
RR Tunnel at R-208880.
RR tunnel at R-195905.
RR tunnel at R-128971.
RR tracks at R-175934.
M/Y at Hochspeyer, R-115940.
M/T at Q-965930.
30-40 box cars and 1 loco at Q-943945.
Also strafed the following:-
100 box cars on siding at R-128971.
Train, 1 loco and box car moving N at R-325887.
1 M/T headed S at Q-8793.
2 M/T headed S at Q-8792.
Buildings at R-121974.
1 M/T at R-184825.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
RR bridge at R-209889.
30 flat cars with 30 M/Ts on them at M-1200.
RR tunnel at R-130969.
Tracks at R-172936.
RR bridge at R-201899.
15 flat cars and boxcars protruding from tunnel at R-095931.
M/Y at M/T in Kaiserslautern.
Factory building at R-280960.
10 boxcars at R-170935.
Also strafed the following:-
10 boxcars at R-170935.
15-20 MT between R-180934 and R-240948.
13 M/T at R-160934.
1 M/T at R-315933.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-207891.
RR bridge at R-214885.
Tunnel at R-2387.
Tunnel at R-2090.
Also strafed the following:-
Truck and trailer parked at R-2396.
1 M/T at R-2295.
1 M/D cart going SW at R-2347.
36 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. Nil

D. (i) 90:45
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 22,760 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 107 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail M113.
(ii) 107 - 500# GP bombs, expended as follows:-
12 GPs on tunnel at R-202898.
10 GPs on RR tunnel at R-208880.
3 GPs on RR tunnel at R-195905.
3 GPs on RR tunnel at R-128971.
2 GPs on RR tracks at R-175934.
3 GPs on M/Y at Hochspeyer, R-115940.
2 GPs on M/Y at Q-965930.
1 GP on 30-40 box cars and 1 loco at Q-943945.
2 GPs on RR bridge at R-209889.
1 GP on 30 flat cars with 30 M/Ts on them at M-1200.
8 GPs on Tunnel (RR) at R-130969.
1 GP on tracks at R-172936.
3 GPs on RR bridge at R-201899.
1 GP on 15 flat cars and box cars from tunnel at R-095931.
17 GPs on Kaiserslautern M/Y.
1 GP on factory building at R-280960.
1 GP on 10 box cars at R-170935.
12 GPs on tunnel at R-207891.
3 GPs on RR bridge at R-214885.
9 GPs on tunnel at R-2387.
12 GPs on tunnel at R-2090.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 23

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 57

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 3

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10. Roads cut, 2

11. Railroads cut, 8

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 2

17. Other claims;
Horses killed, 2
Sawmill c) Damaged, 1
Tunnels, c) Damaged, 2

4. (3) Operations No.: A.O. 20,21,~~22,23,24~~ and 25.

A. A.O.20. 12 P-47s of the 366 Squadron dispatched at 0730 to bomb ammo supply dump and conduct A/R. 28 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# Incendiaries were carried. Route flown was base to Homburg to Kaiserslautern to Neustadt to Landau to Wissembourg to base. Time over target areas: 0745-0910. 6 GPs and 8 Incendiaries dropped on ammo dump at Q-689822 resulting in 3 to 4 explosions like oil or ammo and left numerous fires burning. 10 GPs dropped on train at Q-6477 headed NE consisting of 1 loco with steam up and 35 box cars -- 1 direct hit destroyed 1 car and 1 rail cut. The loco was damaged by strafing. 5 GPs dropped on large building at Q-6975 with 4 direct hits -- hits caused a large secondary explosion with numerous fires left burning and tracers bursting greyish white column of smoke up to 1500 ft and building destroyed. 7 GPs dropped on train of loco and 30 boxcars heading SW at Q-7283 -- 4 direct hits destroyed 8 cars, 4 rail cuts, and 1 loco damaged. 1 train of loco and 15 boxcars headed SE at Q-6782 -- loco and 3 cars damaged. 2 trains of 2 locos and 50 box cars in M/Y headed S at Q-7787 strafed --2 locos and 20 box cars damaged. As a result of strafing a large explosion from one of the buildings adjoining the M/Y gave off a column of greyish black smoke. 1 loco headed S at R-3288 strafed and damaged. 1 loco with 17 box cars and 3 flat cars strafed -- loco and 10 cars damaged. The following observations were made on route: 150 box cars in Kaiserslautern M/Y; 100 cars in Homburg M/Y; 4locos with steam up in Landau M/Y; 30 box cars at R-2955; and 30 box cars at R-2854; Flak: ~~moderate~~ light at Q-6477 and Q-9493; moderate light and weak heavy at Q-7263; intense light at R-2856 and R-2784. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 2 (flak). No e/a seen. Weather: 3/10 base at 12-14-14,000 ft, haze to 2500 ft, and visibility 3-5 miles. Down 0930.

A.O.21. 15 P-47s of the 367 Squadron dispatched at 0740 to bomb M/Ts and supplies at Q-949527 and conduct A/R. 8 x 460# Incendiareis and 37 x 500# GPs were carried. Route flown was base to target to Neustadt to Speyer to Heidelberg to base. Time over target areas was 0820 to 0835. 24 GPs and 8 Incendiaries dropped on M/T and supplies at Q-949527 with a good concentration and numerous near misses. -- 5 buildings are claimed damaged. 13 GPs on loco and 25 cars facing SW at R-484770 -- loco destroyed by bombs and 2 RR cuts at this point about 100 yards apart, 1 road cut, and 15 cars damaged by strafing. The following claims are made from strafing: loco and 5 cars moving E at R-820810 -- damaged; loco and 5 cars facing S at R-551640 damaged and 1 train shed at this

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point was left burning and is claimed as destroyed; 25 box cars at R-900810 damaged; 1 loco and 5 cars moving E at R-890805 destroyed (loco was seen to blow up); 3 M/Ts facing SE at R-420760 destroyed; 2 M/Ts in court yard at R-420760 destroyed and 1 building at this point is also claimed as destroyed (was left burning); loco and 8 cars with steam up and facing S at R-575475 damaged -- this is possibly a flak trap; 4 flak positions at R-575730 damaged; and 4 flak positions at R-5773, sever l hundred yards from the former flak positions, damaged. 1 GP was jettisoned unarmed in the visinity of Rastatt. The following observations were made en route: heavy rail traffic in the Neustadt,Speyer, Heidelberg ar ea; M/Y at Germersheim was full (this information was called to Baggage). Flak: intense light at R-560645 and R-572730; and scant heavy at Speyer. Losses: 1 P-47 destroyed (pilot safe) flak; and 1 P-47 Cat, 1, flak. No e/a. Weather: ground haze from deck to 3,000 ft, 3/4/10 cloud with base and tops at 13,000 ft and visibility up sun 2 miles, down sun good. Down 1004.

A.C.22. 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1035 hours to bomb supply dump at R-929713 and to perform armed recce in Area No.3. A/C carried 28 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# incendiary bombs. Followed route of base to N of Pirmasens to base, but area recce was not completed because squadron was told to return early to take bomber escort. All bombs were dropped on the supply point at R-929713, with 13 x 500# GP bombs and 2 x 460# Incendiaries landing in the supply point itself. 4 buildings on the Eastern edge of the supply point were destroyed; in the South-Central part of the area, 1 building was put on fire; on the SW edge, 3 bldgs were destroyed to the accompaniment of numerous small explisions. Fires were also started among the buildings on the Eastern edge of the nearby town. Flak: nil. Losses: nil. E/A: nil. Weather: 3 to 4/10ths, high cloud thin -- haze; visibility 4 miles. Down at base. 1155 hours.

A.C.23. 12 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 1112 to bomb target at R-429324 and to perform armed recce in Area No.3. A/C carried 27 x 500# GP bombs and 6 x 460# Incendiaries. Followed route of base to R-429324 to Karlsruhe to Bruschal to Heidelberg to Speyer to base. Time in target areas: 1155 to 1210 hours. Allbombs on gas works and tank repair depot at R-431325 and R-429324. A good concentration ofbombs left four huge fires burning in the Gas Works and at least one building destroyed. In the tank repair depot one building was destroyed by a direct hit. Claim both places damaged. Strafing attacks and claims: at R-9672, where loco, with steam up, and 10 passenger cars were observed moving W, Sqdn made 5 passes resulting in the destruction of the locomotive (blew up) and the damage of 10 cars; at R-8377, 1 M/T, facing S, destroyed; at R-4332, 3 M/Ts facing S, damaged; at R-5033, 1 M/T, facing S, damaged; at R-4332, 1 M/T, facing E, destroyed; at R-9672, 1 M/T facing E, damaged; at R-9871, 1 loco, facing E, damaged. Moderate rail traffic was observed in the Speyer,Karlsruhe-Bruschal area. Flak: nil. 1 P-47 damaged, cat, 1, ricochets. E/A: nil. Weather: very light haze, on the deck, tops 4,000 ft, visibility 2 miles. Down at base: 1326.

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A.C.24. 15 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 1431 hours to bomb RR bridge at Soultz, to bomb rail junction at Wissembourg, and to perform armed recce in Neustadt and Kaiserslautern areas. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Soultz to Neustadt to Kaiserslautern to base. Time in target areas: 1500-1510 hours. 44 x 500# GP bombs were dropped on the RR bridge at Soultz. Numerous long bombs fell in the town and M/Y, there were numerous near misses, and RR was cut 30 yards short of the E end of the bridge. However, no claims are made on the bridge itself. 1 x 500# GP bombs was dropped on the small town S of Kaiserslautern, but bomb hung diring the bomb run and NRO. Strafing attacks and claims: at R-0248, where 10 armored cars and MTs were observed in bivouac area, 2 vehicles were destroyed and 7 were damaged -- a good strafing pass could not be made, although our A/C made some 30 passes; at R-0049, 1 M/T and armored car, moving E, were damaged; at [illegible]9839, ; M/T, moving S, was destroyed. at R-0248, 1 building destroyed (left burning). at R-1661, 1 armored car, facing E, was damaged, at R-1462, buildings in the small town left burning. Flak: intense, light at Soultz; scant, light at R-0248. Losses: nil. E/A: nil. Weather: 3/10ths clouds, scattered, base 3000, tops 4000, visibility 3-5 miles. Down at base: 1645 hours.

A.C.25. 16 P-47s of the 366 Squadron dispatched at 1620 to bomb supply and barracks area and conduct an A/R. 32 x 500# GP bombs and 16 x 460# incendiaries were carried. Followed route of base to R-316418 to base. Time in target areas: 1645-1715 hours. 16 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# incendiaries were dropped on supply area at R-327429 -- three near misses; and 1 fire was left by strafing. 16 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# incendiaries were dropped on barracks area at R-3141 -- 6 bombs destroyed 10 buildings in town East of the target and numerous fires and secondary explosions started S,W, & E of barracks area. There were no direct hits on either of the two targets. Flak: nil. Losses: nil. E/A: nil. Weather: 3/10, base 3,000 ft. thin layer, visibility 3 miles, haze. Down at base: 1740 hours.

B. (i) 82 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Train at [illegible]-5477.
Large building at [illegible]-6975.
Train of loco and 30 boxcars at [illegible]-7283.
Ammo dump at [illegible]-689822.
Also strafed the following:-
2 trains of 2 locos and 50 boxcars in M/Y, [illegible]-7787.
1 loco headed S at RO 3288.
15 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/T and Supplies at [illegible]-949527.
Loco and 25 cars facing SW at R-484770.
Loco and 25 cars facing SW at R-484770.
Also strafed the following:-
Loco and 5 cars at R-820810.
Loco and 5 cars at R-551640.
25 Box cars at R-900810.
Loco and 5 cars at R-800805.

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12 P-47s dropped bombs on supply point at Q-929713.
12 P-47s dropped bombs on gas works and tank repair depot at R-431225 and R-429324.
15 P-47s dropped bombs on the RR bridge at Soultz.
16 P-47s dropped bombs on the following:-
Supply dump area at R-327429.
Barracks area at R-3141.
82 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) 1 A/C- P-47D 28RA 42-29351, vicinity of Saarbourg. Hit by flak.
(vii) 3 A/C damaged; 1 a/c cat 1, flak; 1 a/c cat 2 flak; and 1 a/c category 1, ricochets.
(viii) 82

C. Nil

D. (i) 163:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 196,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 50,080 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).

F. (i) 197 - 500# GP bombs dispatched, fused -nose, M103,tail M101.
48 - 460# Incendiaries, dispatched, fused-nose M138,
(ii) 196 - 500# GPs and 48 -460# Incendiaries expended as follows:-
6 GPs and 8 Incendiaries on Ammo supp at Q-689822.
10 GPs on train at Q-6477.
5 GPs on large buildin at Q-6975.
7 GPs on train of loco and 30 boxcars at Q-7283.-
23 GPs and 8 Incendiaries on M/T and supplies at Q-949507.
12 GPs on loco and 25 cars at R-484770.
28 GPs and 8 Incendiaries on supplypoint at Q-929713.
27 GPs and 8 Incendiaries on gas works and tank repair depot at R-431325 and R-429424.
44 GPs on [illegible] bridge at Soultz.
1 GP on [illegible]own S of Kaiserslautern.
(iii) 1 - 500# GP bo[illegible]tisoned unarmed in the vicinity of Rastatt.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a/ Destroyed, 8
c/ Damaged, 5

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a/ Destroyed, 3
c/ Damaged, 10

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3. Locomotives,
   a) Destroyed, 3
   c) Damaged, 11

4. Railroad cars,
   a) Destroyed, 17
   c) Damaged, 70

6. Gun emplacements,
   a) Destroyed, nil
   c) Damaged, 8

7. Dumps,
   c) Damaged, 2

9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 16
   c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 7

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
   a) Destroyed, 8

17. Other claims;
   Gas works and repair shops, c) Damaged 1

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 25 Feb 45 Mission No. 3064

1. No Of 16 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0925 Time Down 1055 1110 Total Hours 27:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Fighter Sweep 3. Weather Solid overcast Strasbourg area at 8000', clear but hazy, low scattered clouds over rest of area.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type Nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Saarbrucken Q-4572, Homburg Q-7080, Kaiserslautern K-0294, Bruchsal R-6459, Baden Baden R-3718, Offenburg W-1586 to base.

b. Time over Objective 1005

c. No. A/C Attacking Nil

d. Alt. of Release Nil

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Nil Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Fighter Sweep

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
Nil							

Explosive Jettisoned: Number Nil Reason Location

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	44,800	0

9. Type Flak Nil Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses Nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) Nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type) Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute. When formation was in area of Q-9090, Baggage called that friendly A/C were being jumped at Maimheim. Flight leader set course for Maimheim, came out north of Maimheim, heard call that attack was over. Proceeded on course, no incident.

For the Group Commander:

Robert J. Kirsch

ROBERT J. KIRSCH, AOB
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 25 Feb 45 Mission No. 3067

1. No Off 16 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1410 Time Down 1615 Total Hours 29:10 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and Strafing 3. Weather 12-15,000' over cast over target-thin haze.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type: Nil Reason:
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: Nil Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed Recce-Wissembourg, Neustadt, Schifferstadt, Ludwigshaven, Worms, Heopenheim, Schwetzingen, Karlsruhe. b. Time over Objective 1450 c. No. A/C Attacking 16 d. Alt. of Release 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 16 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500GP	.1 .025	32	[illegible]	28	4		Nil	Nil

Exolosive Jettisoned: Nil Number: Reason: Location:

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	44,800	12,890

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	inacc	int	Karlsruhe R-4747
Lt	acc	int	R-4079
Lt	inacc	int	R-4650
Lt	inacc	int	R-5670

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
42-28320	flak	MIA
42-75769	flak	MIA
961, Cate. #1	flak	Nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil
SW, LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Tactical formation enroute. Dived bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. 24 x 500 dropped on 50 loaded box cars at R-4250. 2 were direct hits and 2 were probably direct hits, destroying at least 5 box cars. 2 x 500 cut highway at same point, rest of bombs were near misses or misses, unable to sacertain damage. Strafing results: 1 loco des. R-5252; 1 loco des R-5670; 2-50' barges dam. R-4661; 2 box cars dam. R-5468. 4 x 500 were dropped NRO at R-4079 when flight leader was hit by flak.

For the Group Commander:

Robert J. Kirsch
ROBERT J. KIRSCH,
Major, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 25 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 3065

1. No. Off 16 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0940 Time Down 1135 Total Hours 30:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Fighter Sweep 3. Weather Hazy, vis. 15 miles.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: nil

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type / Reason: nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Fighter Sweep : Strassbourg, Pforzheim R-1732, nil (ftr. sweep) Heidelburg R-7091, Neudtadt R-2883, Kaiserslautern R-0294, Zwelbrucken Q-7372 to base.

b. Time over Objective:

c. No. A/C Attacking: nil

d. Alt. of Release: nil

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No A/C Carrying Bombs nil Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Fighter sweep

7.

Type Esplosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
nil							

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	40,000	0

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
nil			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No

e. MIA - Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss. No SW, LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation to area and on return. Fighter sweep made as directed. No enemy A/C observed. Scattered M/T seen in several towns but no definite pattern of movement. Smoke screen seen at Speger, possibly smoke pots. M/T obs. in town of Landau, no movement. Flight heard other flight calling in movement in general area of Ludwigshafen.

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Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No. Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Esplosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No *e.* MIA - Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 25 Feb 45 Mission No. 3066

1. No Off 18 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1005 Time Down 1155 Total Hours 33:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Fighter Sweep 3. Weather Hazy, Visibility 4 miles

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Fighter Sweep in area #3 Offenburg, Stuttgart, Heidelburg, Burkheim, Neuenkirchen, 0-598 to Base

b. Time over Objective: 1100 c. No. A/C Attacking: 0 d. Alt. of Release: 0

6. a. Escorted by: Nil b. Escorting: Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: Nil Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: Fighter Sweep

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
Nil							

Exolosive Jettisoned: Number: Nil Reason: Location:

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	50,400	Nil

9. Type Flak: Nil Accuracy: Intensity: Location (grid coordinate):

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties: Nil

d. A/C Rt'd from MIA: Nil MIA on Miss. No.: e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded: MIA on Miss. No.:

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type): E/A Damaged (No. & Type):

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Executed fighter sweep as directed. No incidents.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 25 Feb 45 Mission No. 3068

1. No. Off 16 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1500 Time Down 1715 Total Hours 36:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather Hazy, Vis 1 mile

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason — Nil
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type / Reason — Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed recce area #3--Dissembourg, Neustadt Schifferstadt, Ludwigshaven, Worms, Heopenheim, Wemheim, Schwetzingen and Karlsruhe
b. Time over Objective: 1545
c. No. A/C Attacking: 16
d. Alt. of Release: 3,000'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil
c. No A/C Carrying Bombs 16 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	32	32				

Explosive Jettisoned: Nil — Number — Reason — Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	44,800	11,230

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	Heidelburg

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil — Location — Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~Damaged~~ Damaged: 4 P-47D's — b. Cause: Enemy flak — c. Crew Casualties: 1st Lt., Carl E. Hefner 0-722070 Slightly wounded
d. A/C Rt'd From MIA: 6719, and079 Cat #1, 065, 969 Cat #2 — MIA on Miss. No. — e. MIA - Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded — MIA on Miss. No

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): Nil — E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) — E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter Formation. Flight dive bombed from 8,000' to 3,000'. South and West marshalling yard at Heidelburg attacked damaging building area or repair shops. 1 rail cut effected. 1 set of bombs in town, no results observed. 1 locomotive moving E with 30-40 cars strafed and damaged. 8-10 cars destroyed 2 direct hits in marshalling yards. 5 rail cars destroyed by direct hits at R-6880. 3 20 MM guns on rail cars silenced in marshalling yards by strafing.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526thFighter Date 25 Feb 1945 Mission No. 3069

1. No Off 16 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1420 Time Down 1630 Total Hours 34:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing

3. Weather T/A; Hazy, vis. 1/2 mile

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type: nil Reason:

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: nil Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point: A/R; Karlsruhe, Bruchsal, Heidelberg, Eberbach, Heilbronn, Bietigheim, Pforzheim and Karlsruhe. Primary T. Pineapple & Rail targets. b. Time over Objective: 1520 c. No. A/C Attacking: 16 d. Alt. of Release: 1,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 16 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500 GP	.1 N..025 T.	32	16	16			0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
	0		

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
50	40,000	6,780

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	R-6990
Heavy	Inaccurate	Scant	R-6990

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~xxxx~~ damaged # 42-29287; Cat. # 1 b. Cause A/A c. Crew Casualties nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil	nil	nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over targets. Red and White flight bombed 1 Locomotive and 20 car train moving North at R-6879. 16 bombs in this area. 6 direct hits on cars causing large explosion and yellow smoke. 6 cars were destroyed and ten damaged. 2 rail cuts effected at R-6879. Strafed 30-35 RR cars at R-6877; one exploded, extent of damage to others unknown. Blue and Green flights bombed Rails at R-6885. 16 misses. Strafed and destroyed 1 locomotive in yards at R-6888. Strafed 10 RR cars at R-6878, no results observed. Strafed and damaged house at R-6684.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION INCREMENT 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 25 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 584

1. No. Off 51 - B26 Time Up 1224/1258 Time Down 47-1545/1620 Total Hours 204:00

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 14-16 P47's.

3. Weather: 8/10 Ci at 20,000'-3/10 St at 4,000'-VISIBILITY 8-10 MILES.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(OIL LEAK LEFT ENGINE).
1 - B26	ENG(HYDRAULIC LEAK).
1 - B26	AIR SPARE.

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	BOMBARDIER ERROR.

5. Target: (1) SEIGELSBACH AMMO DUMP (M/R (W) R-949747), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	AMMO DUMP-M/R (W)R-949747, SHEET U-3, GSGS 4416-CENTER.	EPPINGEN, GERMANY.	1432	46	10,800'/13,000'
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 2 - 4 flight BOXES; the second flying low and to the left of the first(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights went into trail 2½ minutes short of IP and rejoined on slow left break(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 37 degrees with left break. - Moderate evasive action employed with slight loss of altitude from IP.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 207 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
60 SEC.	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 83.16%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Excellent concentration of bombs causing terrific explosions and smoke rising to 8,000'. Severe concusion was felt by some flights. - - - Fourteen (14) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	408	368	--	--	--	NONE	16(ENG) 8(SPARE) 16(BOMB. ERROR).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	110,950	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
GP	INACCURATE	SCANT	6 MILES E. OF RATATT

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	----	---------

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C(B26016-41-34939), crash landed at LUNEVILLE, FRANCE. This A/C transferred to Ser. Sgdn. at LUNEVILLE(CAT. II)	R. ENGINE CUT OUT.	3 ENLISTED MEN(1 RG; 1AG; 1BG) listed as MIA. -- 1 P; 1 CP; 1 B(OFF); returned to Squadron.
1 A/C(B26021-41-35133), one of early returns crashed on landing. A/C transferred to 51st Ser. Sqdn. as salvage.	HYDRAULIC SYSTEM OUT NOSEWHEEL COLLAPSED ON LANDING.	NONE
1 - B26 returned damaged(CAT. 1).	FLAK	NONE

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ----------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 25 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 509

1. No. Off 50 B-26's Time Up 11:45 Time Down 15:19 Total Hours 179:17
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: Cavu
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
5 B-26's	4 Spares 1 Engineering	None	

5. Target: (1) SIEGELSBACH, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Ammunition Dump (W) R-949747	Eppingen (W) R-455620	13:55	36 B-26's	11,600
(2)			14:04	9 B-26's	10,400
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Squadron javelin down. Bomb Run - Bombed in trail - rejoined javelin down after break. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 1st run 32°T. 2nd run 290°T. Withdrawal - Broke left. Evasive Action - loss of al titude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 53 20 seconds

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - An excellent concentration of bombs blanketed target area. Explosions and resulting fires gith smoke to 5,000' were reported by crews. Fighter escort called formation leader and reported additional explosions had been observed after formation had left the target area. 4 fires were observed in target area.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	376	332				None	40
500#M17	M-138	24	24				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	4	Hung up	On breakway

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	150,000	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
none			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
none		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved). (K, MIA, SW or LW)
none		

d. A|C Returned from Missing none Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
none		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
none		

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Hq., XIITAC (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM: 111th Tac Rcn Sq.

Ref : Oprep A No 132 for 24 hrs ending sunset 25 February 1945. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3852 TR/5/25/15

A. 2 F6C's from 0730 to 0915 to recce Saarbrucken, Neuenkirchen, St. Wendel, St. Ingbert. OBSNS: 1 train 40 boxcars mvg N at Q-4875. 1 train 40 boxcars mvg S at Q-5383. 1 loco mvg S at Q-5988. M/Y Neuenkirchen 3/4 filled. Much black smoke & white smoke on SE part of Neuenkirchen drifting SE. M/Y Ottweiler Q-5889 1/2 filled. 2 locos s/u (fcg u/o) & M/Y 1/2 filled at St. Ingbert-Q-5575. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc at St. Ingbert-Q-5575. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 5/10 12,000' hvy haze. TOA: 0745 to 0900.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) Mission had to return after making above obsns because of mechanical failure (oil over canopy). (iv) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3853 TR/16/25/23

A. 2 F 6C's from 0730 to 0930 to recce Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Mannheim, Heilbrown, Heidelberg. OBSNS: 1 train 20 plus boxcars N R-4842. 6 locos s/u S M/Y Karlsruhe. 1 train 50 plus boxcars R-4548. 2 locos s/u M/Y Worth R-5949. 1 train 40 boxcars mvg S at R-5352. 1 train 30 plus boxcars mvg N at R-5980. Crates covering approx. 50 square yards along RR at R-6887. 11 trains 20-30 cars ea in M/Y Heidelberg. 4 trains 40 plus boxcars ea mvg N at R-7397. 20 plus locos s/u & M/Y 1/2 filled Mannheim. 1 train 40 plus boxcars mvg N at R-5096. 1 train 40 boxcars mvg N R-7686. 2 trains, 1 with 60 boxcars, 1 with 20 boxcars stat s/u fcg N M/Y R-9196. 40-50 large barges between R-7889 and R-9187. 1 train 20 boxcars 10 oil cars mvg S at R-9985. 1 train 20 boxcars, 10 gondolas, 10 oil cars mvg W at S-0561. M/Y Heilbrown 3/4 filled. 1 train 70 boxcars mvg N at S-0343. 2 trains 50 boxcars ea stat fcg N S-0341. 4 locos s/u M/Y Pforzheim. 1 train 40 boxcars mvg N at R-6936. 1 train 10 boxcars mvg E at R-6748. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc at R-9841. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 4/10 10-11,000' via 2 miles hvy grd haze. TOA: 0750 to 0910.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3854 TR/20/25/19

A. 2 F 6C's from 0735 to 0935 to recce Karlsruhe, S-0632, Stuttgart, R-8908, W-1895. OBSNS: NMS Karlsruhe to Pforzheim. 1 loco mvg S at S-0635. 2 trains 25 boxcars ea stat fcg b/w in M/Y S-0632. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg N at S-1121. 1 loco 4 passenger cars mvg W at S-0313. 1 train 50 boxcars 6 flat cars loaded with machinery mvg S at R-8908. 1 train 20 plus cars (type u/o) mvg N at R-8605. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg W at W-7486. 2 MT N R-2810. 2 MT S R-2303. 1 MT S W-1895. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: C&U with ground haze (hvy in valleys). TOA: 0755 to 0915.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3855 TR/6/25/16

A. 2 F 6C's from 1010 to 1230 to recce Saarbrucken, Neuenkirchen. OBSNS: 15 plus AFV, appeared to be tanks, in a ravine at Q-437786. Called controller. Crawford flight attacked target. Vehicles were in single file in ravine which made a 125° turn. One direct hit starting a fire was observed, one hit a front of column, one hit an end of column. Boycott flight then came to hit target. 1 train s/u 40 plus boxcars stat fcg S Q-480777. E/A: Nil. E/F: intense, inacc SAF from tanks at Q-437786. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 8/10 1000' stratus clouds Saarbasin. TOA: 1025 to 1215.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above target. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 550 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3856 TR/17/25/24

A. 2 F 60's from 1015 to 1200 to recce Karlsruhe, Bruchsal, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbrown, Pforzheim. OBSNS: 2 MT N into Karlsruhe (1 with trailer). 4 locos s/u Karlsruhe M/Y (all fcg S) M/Y 1/2 filled. 15 plus MT scattered all directions in Karlsruhe. 3 MT SW into Karlsruhe. 100 plus boxcars Bruchsal M/Y. 100 plus cars Hockenheim M/Y. 2 MT stat fcg NW R-5793. 4 locos s/u Mannheim M/Y, yards about 1/4 filled. 1 train SE 20 plus passenger cars Mannheim-Heidelberg. 5 locos s/u Heidelberg M/Y. 10 empty barges parked around bend in Neckar River at R-8189. 1 train 40 plus boxcars W into Heidelberg. 1 train 30 cars, appeared to be passenger cars, SE R-9986. Heilbrown M/Y 1/3 filled. 1 train 25 plus ambulence cars S S-0254. 1 train 20 boxcars SE into Stuttgart. 3 MT on autobahn W R-7436. No activity Pforzheim M/Y. 1 MT S into Pforzheim. 1 MT SE R-5539. E/A: Nil. E/F: Scant-inacc-lt Heilbrown. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU TOA: 1030 to 1145.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3857 TR/21/25/20

A. 2 F 60's from 1020 to 1225 to recce Kehl, Rastatt, Freudenstadt, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 8 MT scattered mvg b/w R-2201-R-3115. 1 MT mvg W R-3927. 1 HDV mvg S W-4999. M/Y at R-4609 well filled with crates, also M/Y R-4993. NMS Freudenstadt. 1 loco s/u 200 plus mostly boxcars in M/Y at W-7183. 2 locos s/u Boblingen M/Y, no activity. M/Y at S-0631 6 to 7/10 filled with all kinds of cars and 6 locos s/u. 1 loco mvg E R-9540. Town of Pforzheim severely damaged but not many bomb hits in M/Y. NMS Pforzheim-Calw-R-6016-Karlsruhe-Rastatt. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of M/Y S-0631. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU hvy ground haze. TOA: 1040 to 1200.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3858 TR/7/25/17

A. 2 F 60's from 1315 to 1555 to recce Saarbrucken, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens, Bitche. OBSNS: 2 MT mvg N Q-5172. NMS Saarbrucken M/Y. 2 MT E Q-2873. 4 MT SW Q-3888. 1 train 10 boxcars fcg NE s/u Homburg M/Y, and 1/5 filled. Zweibrucken M/Y 1/4 filled, no mvt seen. NMS Pirmasens to Bitche due to weather. 2 MT stat fcg S in Bitche. NMS rds Bitche to Saargemund. Huge oil fire N side river Q-3575. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of large oil fire at Q-3276. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 4/10 3000' entire area. TOA: 1330 to 1530.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 22
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 40 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3859 TR/18/25/25

A. 2 F 60's from 1510 to 1520 to recce Strassbourg, Karlsruhe, Bruchsal, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbrown, Pforzheim. OBSNS: NMS Strassbourg - Karlsruhe. Karlsruhe M/Y 60% filled, no activity. Worth M/Y 10% filled. RR bridge at R-4248 intact. Bruchsal M/Y 40% filled, no activity. Hochenheim M/Y 10% filled, no activity. Schwetzingen M/Y 30% filled, 1 loco N from the town. Mannheim M/Y 70% filled, 6 switch engines operating in yards. Heidelberg M/Y 60% filled. 20 lge barges in river at R-8189, 3 of them were in dry dock. At R-9978, 2 lge explosions, black smoke, very red fire, smoke to 8000' and several square miles. Smoke obscured cause of fire. 20 barges in river at Heilbrown, M/Y 50% filled. Bietigheim M/Y 10% filled. 5 TE A/C parked in NE corner of Sachsenheim A/D and 3 SE A/C at same place on field. 10 to 15 fires burning inthe town of Pforzheim at 1415 hrs. Durlach M/Y 30% filled. No road mvt seen in area. E/A: 20 ME-109's at 12,000' just S of Karlsruhe at 1430 hrs flying E. No encounter. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU, ground haze. TOA: 1330 to 1445.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO 3860, TR/22/25/21

A. 2F60's from 13:20 to 16:00 to recce & photo Strassbourg, Kehl, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 3 MTs mvg E W-1294 to W-2193. 4 MTs mvg NE W-4276. Freudenstadt M/Y 1/4 filled with mostly boxcars. 2 MTs mvg E into town at W-5685. A/D at W-7589 with 6 or 7 dummy A/C, most of them in NW part of A/D. 1 train wi 30 plus boxcars mvg E W-8886. NMS W-8292 to Stuttgart. M/Y at Stuttgart about 1/4 filled, with mostly boxcars. 1 switch engine mvg N in M/Y at Stuttgart. M/Y between Stuttgart and Ludwigsberg about 1/3 filled, with mostly boxcars and about 30 tankers. 3 MTsmvg S at R-9828. Stacks of lumber and supplies in way station on super highway at R-8526 with 3 MTs parked in court yard of way station. 4 MTsparked off of super highway at R-8528, with M/Y at Pforzheim about 1/3 filled with mostly boxcars; on NE part of this M/Y about 15 plus boxcars and dispersed tankers. 3 MTs mvg SE out of Pforzheim. 6 scattered MTs mvg S out of Pforzheim. 2 MTs mvg S at R-7229. 3 MTs mvg SW R-6732. M/Y at Karlsruhe about 1/4 filled with mostly boxcars. 2 MTs mvg S at R-4535. Town of Rastat around SE RR bridge severely damaged; this bridge has 4 hits on it . NMS Rastatt to Karlsruhe to Strassbourg. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Verticals of A/D at W-8290 & RR bridge at R-3528 successful. R/C: Good. TOA: 13:50 to 15:10. WEATHER: scattered clouds (3-4/10) mvg into area, haze from 5000' to deck. Vis about 5 mi.
B. (i) 2F60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3861, TR/11/25/27

A. 2 F60's from 15:45 to 17:15 to recce Saarbrucken, Kaiserlautern, Bad-Kreuznach. OBSNS: 4 MTs mvg into Neunkirchen Q-6281. Very large fire burning at Q-3572, smoke drifting from there to Kaiserlautern. NMS St. Ingbert to Homburg due to this smoke and haze. 3 MTs mvg S at Q-7187. 50 plus boxcars 10 empty flatcars in M/Y at Q-8791. M/Y at Kaiserlautern about 1/3 filled with mostly boxcars. 1 train with 30 plus boxcars SU fog W stat. NMS Kaiserlautern to Bad Kreuznach. 1 train with 50 plus cars mvg N out of Bad Kreuznach. 1 train at M-0534 mvg W with 40 plus boxcars. 1 train mvg SW in M/Y at L-8032 with 30 plus cars 20 of which were box and 10 empty flatcars. NMS Kirn to St Wendel. Small M/Y between Kirn and StWendel about 1/filled with box, flatcars and gondolas. 1 train stat SU headed N with 15 hospital cars in M/Y at St Wendel this M/Y about 1/2 filled with boxcars. M/Y at Neunkirchen 1/2 filled with boxcars and gondolas, 10 MT tanks in M/Y. end of this M/Y loaded with tanks or MTs unable to get F/Bs on this target. B/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:00 to 17:00. WEATHER: 4/10 at 3000' with extreme haze; vis 2 mi.
B. (i) 2 F60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3862, TR/8/25/18

A. 2 F60s from 16:15 to 18:00 to recce Saarbrucken, St. Wendel, Kaiserlautern, Bitche. OBSNS: Black smoke from vicinith of Saar R between Saarlautern and Saarbrucken covers town of Saarbrucknand area N almost to Neunkirchen. Aprrox 10 MTs statt mostly N between Neunkirchen and St Ingbert and Saarbrucken. NMS St. Wendel to Landstuhl to Kaiserlautern. Town of Kaiserlautern burning, much smoke. Mission returned to base because of engine trouble. Area Kaiserlautern to Bitche not covered by mission. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: NIL. R/C: Good. TOA: 16:30 to 1745. WEATHER: 6/10 5000' Saarbrucken area. Hardt Mte area hazy.
B. (i) 2F60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): NIL.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO 3863, TR/ 23/25/22

A. 2 F60s from 16:20 to 18:20 to recce Offenburg Freudenstadt, Freiburg. OBSNS: NMS Strassbourg to Freudenstadt. 1 loco SU fcg W in M/Y Freudenstadt. 2 MTs mvg N and 1 mvg S at R-8400. 2 MTs stat at R-8620. NMS Pforzheim to R-7396, R-5408, Pforzheim. 2 MTs mvg W at R-6334. 1 MT mvg N R-6137. 3 MTs mvg S 3 MTs mvg N at Achern (R-2404). 12 hospital cars at Neunburg. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: NIL R/C: Very good. WEATHER: CAVU, hazy. TOA: 16:35 to 18:05

B. (i) 2 F60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3864, TR/19 25/26

A. 2F60s from 16:15 to 18:30 to recce Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Heidelberg, Heilbronn: OBSNS: NMS Haguenau to Soultz. 4 locos SU heading W Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train 30 plus boxcars steg fcg SE SU just NW of Karlsruhe E of the Rhine. 1 loco mvg W into Karlsruhe M/Y. NMS Karlsruhe to Mannheim. 3 trains 45 boxcars ea stat fcg SE in Mannheim M/Y. 3 locos SU in yards. 1 train 8 passenger cars mvg NE out of Neckargemund (R-7788). 1 loco mvg SE R-9787. 1 loco stat S-0084 fcg S. Heilbronn M/Y 4/5 full, 2 locos SU in yds. 1 loco S of Heilbronn. 1 train mvg S at S-0454 with 35 plus boxcars. 1 loco mvg W out of Sachsenheim. 1 train appeared to be 30 hospital cars S out of Bietigheim. Pforzheim badly damaged. NMS Pforzheim to Karlsruhe. Landau to Wissembourd and Wissembourg to Haguenau NMS, carefully covered. E/A: Nil. E/F: Scant inacc HAA at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Jamming at Mannheim otherwise good. TOA: 16:40 to 18:15. WEATHER:

B. (i) 2F60s. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii): 90, (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. F. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army,
27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPREP A. No. 5 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 26 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 48 and 51, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 48. 12 a/c off at 0825, TOT 1000, 1 early return, 11 aircraft landed at 1105. Pre-briefed bombing mission of marshalling yards and rail cuts along main rail lines from R-3074 to N-3208. At R-3074 railline was bombed from 3500 feet with 4 direct hits cutting the line in 2 places, and 4 direct hits on nearby road postholing it. 2 bombs returned to base. Flak: nil. Weather - 9/10 from 3000 to 9000 feet in Landau area.

A. AO 51. 12 a/c off at 0825 on pre-briefed mission to bomb gas dump at R569925. TOT 0935, 4 planes landed at 1045, 5 early returns. Due to weather bombs were dropped on town of Mannheim by 4 a/c. Enroute 3 planes collided with the loss of two, the third plane bellylanded in friendly territory. Pilot was then hospitalised. Results of the bombing which was from 5,000 feet could not be determined. No flak. Weather 10/10 over entire target area.

B. 1. 24 P-47Ds.
2. 15 P-47Ds.
3. 6 early returns, 5 after witnessing crash, 1 rough engine. 4. Nil.
5. 3 P-47Ds midair crash. 26RA-42-28343, 28RA-42-29009, 30RA-44-33095.
6. Nil
7. Nil
8. 15 Sorties.

C. 1. 24 x 75 gal belly tanks.
2. 3 x 75 gal belly tanks lost.

D. 1. 50 hours twenty minutes.
2. Nil.

E. 1. 84,000 x .50 cal.
2. 640 x .50 cal.
3. 12,000 x .50 cal.

F. 1. 24 x 500 RDX.
24 x 500 GP.
2. 22 x 500 RDX
8 x 500 GP.
3. Nil
4. 6 x 500 GP.

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OPREP A: (CONT'D) [redacted]

G. 2nd Lt., William F. Houser, O-721/11 (Slightly injured) [redacted]
1st Lt., George D. Young, O-766825 (Injured) [redacted]
2nd Lt. Alvin F. Hussing, O-722088 (Killed) KIA

H. 1. thru 3 Nil.

I. Claims on Ground:

2 rail cuts
2 roads postholed.

IRA E. OVER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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G. 2nd Lt., William F. Houser, O-721411 (Slightly injured) [redacted]
1st Lt., George D. Young, O-766825 (Injured) [redacted]
2nd Lt. Alvin F. Hussing, O-722088 (Killed) KIA

H. 1. thru 3 Nil.

I. Claims on Ground:

2 rail cuts
2 roads postholed.

IRA E. OWER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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50TH FIGHTER GROUP (CL)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 291.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 291 for 24 hours ending sunset 26 February 1945.
Operations Order No. A0-1, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0802 hours, 26 February 1945, Lt. Knoll leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. 30 box cars with a locomotive in front and rear were speeding SW at R-339851, the lead locomotive was damaged, 3 box cars were damaged, 1 railcut scored by 8 x 500 lb. bombs. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/T at R-303837, 1 oil storage tank was destroyed, 1 repair shop destroyed, 1 railcut. 18 x 4.5 rockets were expended on this target. Intense, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Neustat. Time down at A-96, 1005 hours.

B. 1. 15 x P47D's.
2. 15 completed mission.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 15 sorties.

C. 1. None.
2. None.

D. 1. 30:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 28,500 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.

F. 1. 24 x 500 lb. G.P. Normal.
18 x 4.5 Rockets.
2. 24 x 500 lb.
18 x 4.5 Rockets.
3 and 4, None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On The Ground.
1 locomotive damaged.
3 box cars damaged.
2 railcuts.
1 oil storage tank destroyed, 1 building dest.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
26 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 26 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 US Army

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28 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : COMMANDING GENERAL, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 225 for the period ending Sunset 26 February 1945.

4. (1) Operation No.: A.O. 16 - Rail interdiction.

A. A.O. 16. 12 P-47D's of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 0745 to cut rails between Kenstadt and Kaiserslautern. 36 x 500 lb GP bombs were carried. 2 non-effective a/c (1 personnel and 1 escort) which returned to base with their bombs. Route flown was base to Saarbrucken to Homburg to Kastatt to Freudenstadt to base. Weather conditions prevented squadron from following briefed recce. course. Time over target areas was 0830-0900. 15 GPs dropped on Fredenstadt M/Y, W-5085, which contained 20 cars -- 1 M/Y attacked, 1 factory and 2 buildings near the west end of the M/Y damaged by misses. 12 GPs on M/Y at W-4790 -- 1 M/Y attacked and 3 long bombs landed in the town (NRO). 3 GPs on the town of Freudenstadt - (NRO). The following claims are made from strafing: 1 M/T facing S at W-472892 destroyed; 2 M/T facing S at W-472892 damaged; 2 M/Ts facing W at W-4992 damaged; station at Freudenstadt damaged; single tripod towers at W-425860 damaged. The following observations were made en route: 4 light flak gun positions 200 yards S of the Freudenstadt M/Y. Flak: moderate light at Freudenstadt and W-4789, and moderate heavy at Freudenstadt. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather; 3/10, base 3000, tops 5000, visibility 5-7 miles. Down 0950.

B. (i) 12 P-47D's dispatched
(ii) 10 P-47D's attacking targets
(iii) (2) Two non-effective a/c:
(b) (1) one sickness
(d) (1) one escort
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil

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B. (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 10

C. Nil

D. (i) 24:05
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 4,770 rds (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36x500 lb GP bombs, fused tail- M113.
(ii) 15 x 500 lb GP on M/Y at W-5085
12 x 500 lb GP on M/Y at W-4790
3 x 500 lb GP on Freudenstadt
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
6 x 500 lb GP returned to base on non-effective a/c.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. (a) 1 destroyed
(c) 4 damaged

9. (c) 5 damaged

14. 2 M/Y attacked

4. (2) Operations No: A.O. 20 and 24. Armed recce.

A. A.O. 20. 12 P-47's of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0750 to conduct A/R of area #2. 36 x 500 lb GP bombs were carried. Route followed was base to Strasbourg to W-6460 to base. Recce. was not completed due to adverse weather conditions. Time over target area was0900-0930. Baggage turned Squadron over to Pineapple who assigned a target but Squadron was unable to locate it. Photo reconnaissance ship advised them to bomb targets to be located through the hole in the clouds. 12 GPs dropped on 12 passenger cars and 1 loco moving S at W-640585 -- 1 rail cut and loco and 12 cars damaged by strafing. 12 GPs on M/Y at W-640615 with 6 hits in the yard - loco damaged, 1 road block, large fire started, and 1 M/Y attacked. 12 GPs on supply dump made up of 10 warehouses at W-6461 -- 2 warehouses damaged and 2 buildings in the adjacent town damaged. The following observations were made en route: 10 loaded coal cars at W-6555; 1 burned out P-47 with orange nose at Z-7696. Flak: acant light at W-6361. No losses and no e/a seen. Weather; 4/10 at 1500-3000 ft, 10/10 at 3-6500 ft and 8/10ths from 9000 ft, with visibility limited to 2 miles in the haze. Down 1030.

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A.O. 24. 11 P-47's of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0825 hours to perform air cooperation and armed recce. in area No. 3. Each a/c carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route followed: base to Saverne to Hagenau to W-8395 to base; recce was not completed due to bad weather. Time over target, 0855-955 hours. Squadron contacted Halfbake, and he had no target. 6 bombs were dropped on airdrome at W-8395; 3 bombs in hangar area and 3 near runway; no direct hits; strafed in attack. 4 e/a were on ground (1 T/E and 3 S/E, but could not determine whether they were dummies) no claims on e/a. 27 bombs were dropped on M/Y at W-7284, which contained 60-70 cars (box and Oil) and 3 locos with steam up (1 headed east, 1 headed west) 23 bombs hit in M/Y, 9 of which were among the cars -- 1 M/Y attacked, 1 loco destroyed, 20 cars destroyed. M/Y also strafed. Flak: intense light at W-8395. No e/a encountered. No losses. Weather 10/10ths, 4500-5000 feet; visibility 8-10 miles. Down at base 1025 hours.

B. (i) 23 P-47D's
(ii) 23 P-47D's attacked targets.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 23

C. Nil

D. (i) 56:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 55,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 9,265 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 69 x 500 lb GP bombs, fused tail M113.
(ii) 12 x 500 lb GP on train at W-640585
12 x 500 lb GP on M/Y at W-640615
12 x 500 lb GP on Supply Dump at W-6461
6 x 500 lb GP on Airdrome at W-8395
27 x 500 lb GP on M/Y at W-7284
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. (a) 1 destroyed
(c) 2 damaged
4. (a) 20 destroyed
(c) 12 damaged
9. (c) 4 damaged
10. 1 road cut.

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I. 1. 4 railroads cut
13. (c) 1 damaged
14. 1 M/Y attacked

4. (8) Operations No.: 25 and 26 - Dive Bombing.

A. A.O. 25. 16 P-47's of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1150 hours to bomb the M/Y at Ludwigsburg. 32 x 500 lb GPs and 16 x 460 lb Incendiary bombs were carried. 6 GPs were jettisoned at W-922882 when a/c were low on gas. Route flown was base to W-8095 to base. Time over target area was 1235 to 1345. 3 GPs dropped on Airdrome at W-7388 (no activity seen) with 3 hits on E end of runway -- no further claims. 15 GPs on military camp at W-739-961 with 4 hits and the rest misses or NRO - 2 buildings destroyed and 1 damaged. This target was also strafed. 8 incendiaries and 4 GPs on factory at W-832841 with 5 direct hits on the factory -- factory destroyed and 1 rail cut in the same vicinity. 2 incendiaries and 1 GP on M/T at W-643988 which contained 5 flat cars, 3 tank cars, and 4 box cars -- all misses. 2 incendiaries and 1 GP on W-550862 which contained loco and 20 box cars headed E -- all misses. The loco was damaged by strafing. 2 incendiaries and 1 GP on 25 box cars in M/Y at W-742030 -- 3 box cars destroyed. 1 M/Y attacked. 20 of the box cars were damaged by strafing. 2 incendiaries and 1 GP on 20 piles of boxes at W-738988 - no hits with bombs, but boxes were strafed. 1 M/T at W-825820 was strafed and destroyed. The following observations were made en route. 75-100 box cars in M/Y at W-667801. Flak: scant light at W-7388. Losses: 1 a/c Cat. 1 (flak) No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 with base at 8,000 ft and tops 7,000 with two layers between 7-9,000 ft and scattered layers above 10,000 ft. Down 1430.

A.O. 26. 11 P-47's of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1149 to bomb M/Y at Ludwigsburg. 25 x 500 lb GPs and 8 x 460 lb Incendiary bombs were carried. Route flown was base to PT (not bombed to target bombed to base. PT was not bombed due to adverse weather conditions. Time over target areas was 1310-1330. 8 incendiaries and 4 GPs dropped on airdrome at W-760883 - flight ducked under low overcast and observed on oil or gas fire started on the field but make no further claims. 9 GPs on factories and supplies at W-735835 -- all bombs were in the target area and fires were started with 1 factory claimed as damaged. 9 GPs on rock quarry supplies and sheds with 6 direct hits on the supplies at W-692823 - a fire was started and supplies are claimed damaged. 3 GPs on road bridge at W-669797 -- near misses, but no claim. The following claims are made form strafing: 1 M/T mounting small gun facing W damaged at W-650845; 1 building at W-650845 destroyed; 1 bus facing S at W-662854 destroyed; 1 M/T

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facing S at W-625936 destroyed; 1 loco plus tender and RR station at W-692820 damaged. There were no observations en route. Flak: intense light at W-7688 and scant light at W-6685. No e/a seen in air, but enemy Airdrome at W-760883 had e/a on the field including an FW 200, Ju 88, and other unidentified singele engine a/c in the revetments which were well camouflaged. Weather: large hole over target area, clouds 8/10 base at 2-4,000 ft, tops 7500 ft, and visibility good. Down 1437.

B. (i) 27 P-47D's
(ii) 27 P-47D's attacked targets
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47D - Cat. 1 (flak)
(viii) 27

C. Nil

D. (i) BE25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 64,800 rds (50 calibre ammunition)
(ii) 7,055 rds (50 calibre ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 57 x 500 lb GP bombs,fused nose-M103; tail M101A2.
24 x 460 lb Incendiary bombs, fused, nose-M138.
(ii) 3 x 500 lb GP on A/D at W-7388
15 x 500 lb GP on Mil. Camp at W-739961
8 x 460 lb Inc.)
4 x 500 lb GP's) on factory at W-832841
2 x 460 lb Inc.)
1 x 500 lb GP) on M/Y at W-643988
2 x 460 lb Inc.)
1 x 500 lb GP) on train at W-550862
2 x 460 lb Inc.)
1 x 500 lb GP) on train at R-742030
2 x 460 lb Inc.)
1 x 500 lb GP) on boxes at W-738988
8 x 460 lb Inc.)
4 x 500 lb GPs) on Airdrome at W-760883
9 x 500 lb GPs on factories & supplies at W-735835
9 x 500 lb GPs on rock quarry at W-692883
3 x 500 lb GPs on road bridge at W-669797
(iii) 6 x 500 lb GPs jettisoned at W-922882 (low on gas)
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

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I. 1. (a) 4 destroyed
(b) 1 damaged
3. (c) 2 damaged
4. (a) 3 destroyed
(c) 20 damaged
7. (c) 1 damaged
9. (a) 4 destroyed
(c) 3 damaged
10. 1 road cut

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 26 Feb 1945 Mission No. 3070

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0810 Time Down 1020 Total Hours 26:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Armed Recce, Bombing 3. Weather 10/10 cover 4500'-6500'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed rails at R-2975, Germany.	0920	12	2,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500#GP	.1N .025T	24	24				0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	25,000	3.980

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Intense	R-2975

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. Weather prevented attack on primary target:(Wissembourg, Neustadt, Schifferstadt, Ludwigshaven, Worms, Heopenheim, Wemheim, Schwetzingen, Karlsruhe). Flight bombed rails at R-2975; strong wind blew bombs off target but 2 bombs hit road at R-2974, possibly blocking it. 22 bombs hit off side of road hitting gun pits, extent of damage unknown. One loco with undetermined number of cars seen moving northeast from Neustadt.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core

JESSE R. CORE
Captain, Air Corps
Operations Officer

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 26 Feb 45 Mission No. 3071

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0840 Time Down 1005 Total Hours 25:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather Solid overcast 3-7,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
7966 P-47D	Belly tank would not work
076 P-47D	Returned with leader

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed recce area #7 (Karlsruhe, Bruchsal, Heidelburg, Eberback, Hellbronn, Bietigheim, Pforzheim & Karlsruhe | b. Time over Objective: 1005 | c. No. A/C Attacking: 10 | d. Alt. of Release: 3500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	20				

Exolosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500GP	4	Belly tank would not work and wingman	Z-7786

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	2030

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Nil			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
Nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
Nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA	MIA on Miss. No.	e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded	MIA on Miss. No.
Nil			

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Squadron could not reach target due to weather. Squadron could not contact controller, finally contacted Baggage. Squadron dive bombed from 8,000' to 3500'. Attacked marshalling yard with approximately 30-40 boxcars through a hole in the overcast at W-7542. 12 X 500 on 3-4 tracks in marshalling yard, cut tracks in an unknown number of places and possibly damaging some of the boxcars (white smoke observed after bombing). 2 X 500 severely damaged one end of a long shed alongside tracks in marshalling yards.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

Jesse R. Core ROB
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JESSE R. CORE,
Ceptain, Air Corps,
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 26 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____

2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____

3. Weather : CANCELLED. - - - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. NONE

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 26 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Mission cancelled (Target Weather)

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Horbin Jr.
W.L. HORBIN, JR.
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep A No 133 for 24 hrs ending sunset 26 February, 1945. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO 3865, TR/20/26/19

A. 2 F6Cs from 07:20 to 08:35 to recce Freiburg. OBSNS: None due to weather.
E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 08:05 to 08:20.
WEATHER: 10/10 3-6500' over battle area with a few holes.
B. (i) 2F6Cs. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3866, TR/5/26/15

A. 2F6Cs from 07:25 to 08:35 to recce Saarbrucken. OBSNS: None due to weather.
E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 07:45 to 08:15.
WEATHER: 10/10 2-6000' w/rain at Saarbasin.
B. (i) 2F6Cs. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3867, TR/16/26/23

A. 2 F6Cs from 07:25 to 08:35 to recce Colmar, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: None due to weather.
E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 07:50 to 08:10.
WEATHER: 10/10 3-6500' battle area with a few breaks. Haze.
B. (i) 2F6Cs. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 3868, TR/7/26/17

A. 2 F6Cs from 13:45 to 15:15 to recce Saarbrucken, Stuttgart. OBSNS: None due to weather
E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 14:00 to 14:40
WEATHER: 10/10 3-7000' over entire area. Visabove unlimited, below 2-3 mi.
B. (i) 2F6Cs. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii): 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

26 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162 nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 164 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 26 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO 551 TR/1/26/1

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 0800-0900. TO recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR-weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-0845. WEATHER: 10/10 top 5000', Base 3000', Hagenau area Vis 1-3 miles in rain.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 552 TR/12/26/5

A. 2 F6-D's from 0800-1010. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Neustadt 1/3 full, 1 train 50 B/C STAT S/U, 2 locos S/U, called to controller, P-47's bombed and started fire near possible oil storage tank, Approx 50 scatt B/C and flat cars on RR from Neustadt to R-3077. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: SIL Neustadt, SAL Speyer-dorf. PHOTOS: Vert. Photos of M/Y Neustadt R-3084 from 2300 course 360 at 0900, M/Y Neustadt R-3084 from 3500 course 180 at 0910 for BDA. Supplies Speyer R-5281 from 4000 course 280 at 0930. (162/552). RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0830-0935. WEATHER: 9-10/10 base, 1000-3000 top Approx. 6500', 8/10 at 10,000'.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 20 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 60 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 553 TR/24/26/9

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 0800-1000. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: At least 2 rail cuts in Villingen M/Y, no through track, NMS. At least 2 rail cuts in Schwenningen M/Y, no through track, M/Y badly damaged with at least 20 cars blown off tracks. M/Y Donau Eschingen 1/4 full, NMS. Loco sticking out N end of tunnel STAT, S/U, 1 gondona sticking out of S end, tunnel W-4121. At least 1 rail cut in Neustadt M/Y, M/Y damaged, 10 cars blown off track, NMS. 2 beautiful rail cuts at W-3425, lumber piles also hit but saw mill working. 2 near misses on RR probably making RR unserv W-3123. 1 M/T mvg W W-2127. M/Y W Freiburg 1/4 full, 3 locos working. Train 50 plus B/C mvg S in Freiburg. Town V-9959 burning. 10 plus gondolas adjacent to quarry W-0561. M/Y Offenburg 1/4 full, 1 loco STAT S/U fac S, train 4 B/C mvg S into Offenburg. 15 HDT mvg W W-1191. Possible dump in woods W-0991. Smoke shell hit RR W-105970. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: SAL at V-985490. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0940. WEATHER: 9/10 3000-8000. 6/10, 8000-9000, 3/10, at 15,000' vis 3 miles.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO 554 TR/9/26/13

A. 2 F6-C's from 0840-1010. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Bad Kreuznach 1/2 full, NMS. 25 Box and flat cars at M-0635. Possible small dump at N-1328. No other obs due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0905-0940. WEATHER: 10/10 3000'-7000'.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 555 TR/2/26/2

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1400-1640. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Landau 1/4 full, 3 locos working. 1 train, 3 cars mvg E out of Neustadt. No other obs due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1425-1555. WEATHER: 10/10 2500'-6000'. 8-10/10 9000'-9500 E of Stuttgart.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 5hrs. 20 mins.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 332 for 24 hours ending sunset
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Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374,, U. S. Army.

DATE: 2/26/45

OPREP A No. 560 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 26 February 1945.

A. First Intruder from 18:35 to 18:50. Returned to base due to a gas leak in wing tank. Second Intruder from 19:00 to 20:45. Intruded in Freiburg-Stuttgart area. Observed locomotive at W-7053 at 19:40 heading east. Fired a burst and observed hits on locomotive and 4 RR cars. Received small arms fire at Willach (W-6736) which was meagher and inaccurate. Patrolled south to Freiburg then north to Offenburg. No observations made. Third Intruder from 21:05 to 23:20. Intruded in area of Karlsruhe south to Freiburg. Activity was scant east and south of Karlsruhe to Pfsorheim (W-7034). Observed a boat moving slowly north just north of Strasbourg. Observed large fire on west side of River north of Karlsruhe. On road near Pfsorheim fired on a M/T. M/T was left burning. Fired on bivouac area at approx V-9966. No observations made other than small fires. At 20:30 fired on outskirts of Kehl (W-0798). No observations made. Continued south and upon returning to Kehl strafed city with a 2 second burst. No results observed. Buildings appeared to be concrete. Fourth Intruder from 22:50 to 00:15. Intruded in Freiburg area. Observed fire in area of Kehl (V-9452) and also fire in area of Offenburg. Went to Pt. F but visibility was to bad to make any observations. Turned S to Pt. E. At W-0270 strafted a M/T. Saw strikes on M/T. Weather and visibility no good for intruding so returned to base.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Four

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 5:45

E. (i) 24,000 x .303 - 4,000 x 2000
(ii) 450 x .303 - 590 x 2000

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 1 Locomotive damaged, 4 RR Cars damaged, 1 M/T destroyed, 1 M/T damaged.

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APO. 374 US ARMY

25 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 163 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 25 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 534 TR/1/25/1

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0730-0950. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 3 M/T facing E STAT at R-1548. M/Y Pfortz 3 locos S/U STAT, yds 1/4 full; 1 train 25 B/C, 25 flats loaded with M/T and tanks (Called Contrdler). P-47's cut rails in yds (Pfortz) resulting in a direct bomb hit on bldg. N side of yd (Pfortz), one B/C was blown up, fire started in one of the M/T, and several smaller fires started in yds. 1 train, 2 locos, 50 B/C S/U STAT on siding NE of Pfortz. 1 train 25 B/C, facing E, S/U, STAT, at R-3751--bombed by P-47's, no damage observed. 1 train 30 B/C STAT, S/U, facing N at R-395565 (Called to Controller). 2 unusually large passenger cars painted orange and yellow on siding just S of Pfortz. Rail cut at R-1642. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, Wissembourg, M-I-L, Pfortz. PHOTOS: Vertical, train, R-395565, 5000', 0°, 0800 hrs. Vertical, M/Y, R3850-R4248, 5500', 90°, 0810 hrs. Vertical, M/Y, R-4248, 5500', 0°, 0820 hrs. Vertical, M/Y, R-4248, 5000', 90°, 0830 hrs (BDA). Vertical, M/Y, Wissemburg, 6000', 270°, 0915 hrs. Vertical, fortification, Q-8442, 5000', 330°, 0920 hrs.
RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0935. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, Vis. 5 mi.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D(ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL F. NIL.
D. 4.40 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 535 TR/12/25/5

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 0730-0930. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y SE Kaiserslautern 2/3 full, 4 locos working. 1 loco mvg S into M/Y at Kaiserslautern. 20 B/C on siding at M-1105. NMS Kaiserslautern-Worms. M/Y Grunstadt 2/3 full, NMS. Train, 20 B/C, mg S into Ludwigshafen. M/Y Ludwigshafen 4 locos working. Train, 15 B/C mvg NE into Ludwigshafen. Train, 20 B/C, mvg SW into Neustadt. Train 15 B/C mvg S into Neustadt. Train 25 cars mvg W into Neustadt. Approximately 60 B/C, some damaged, on siding at R-3469. Train, 20 cars, on spur, STAT, S/U at R-2556, facing E. Line of 40 cars, no loco, at R-285540. Smoke coming from tunnel SE at Q-9968. Train, 20 B/C mvg E at Q-9271. Train, 10 B/C STAT, S/U facing SE at Q-9073. Small M/T moving E at R-0967; ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L, Neustadt. PHOTOS: Vertical, train, R-2556, 4500', 90°, 0845 hrs (T/O), Vertical, RR cars, R-285540, 4500', 340°, 0850 hrs (T/O). RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 536 TR/24/25/9

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0735-0935. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 30 B/C damaged at W-1694. M/Y at W-1894 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full, 1 loco working. M/Y Lahr 1/4 full, NMS. 50 B/C on siding at W-0153. M/Y Emmendingen 1/3 full, 1 loco working. M/Y Freiburg N Freiburg 1/2 full, 1 loco working. M/Y SW Freiburg 1/3 full, 3 locos working. M/Y SE Freiburg 1/4 full, NMS. Barrage balloons along RR ranging from 100 yds to 1/2 mile apart from 1000-1500' between Freiburg-Neustadt. M/Y Neustadt 1/5 full, 1 loco STAT. M/Y Donaueschingen 1/5 full, NMS. Train, 10 B/C, STAT, S/U, facing N at Villengen, M/Y 1/3 full. Smoke coming from 3 of 4 tunnels at W-4149. M/Y Hansach 1/5 full, 1 loco working. M/Y Gengenbach 1/3 full, NMS. Possible supply dump at W-200795. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, possible dump, W-3425, 6000', 160°, 0825 hrs. (T/O).

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RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0755-0910. WEATHER: Intense haze N part of area, S part, CAVU.
B. 1F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 537 TR/9/25/13

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 0835-1025. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Zweibrucken 1/2 full, 1 train 10 box cars, S/U STAT, facing N--called to controller. M/Y Homburg 1/4 full, 1 train 10 box cars moving into yard from W, and 1 loco S/U, STAT. M/Y S Kaiserslautern 150 box cars, 2 locos S/U STAT--called to controller. 1 train 8 box cars moving SE at Q-9869. M/Y Bad Kreusnach 1/4 full, NMS. NMS on RR from Bad Kreuznach to St Wendell. Factories in Neunkirchen appear active. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0850-1005. WEATHER: Ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 miles with heavy haze.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 3.40 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 538 TR/2/25/2

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 1000-1215. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 half track at R-0835, STAT. 1 M/T moving S at R-1635. 1 bus moving S at R-2163. Loco, STAT, facing W at R-2455. 80-100 box cars in woods at R-2555. Flat car, about 80 feet long, connected to 20 box cars at R-285540. American vehicles in Mutterhausen (Q-7962). ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique of RR cars at R-285540, 6000', 10°, at 1110 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1020-1155. WEATHER: CAVU above 3000', haze, visibility 8 miles up sunbelow 3000'.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4.30 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 539 TR/13/25/6

A. 2 F6C's from 1005-1205. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: P-47's pranged factory at Q-905735. M/Y W of Kaiserslautern about 1/2 full, 4 locos working. Smoke screen over M/Y W of Kaiserslautern, 100 mixed cars on siding at R-115895. M/Y Worms 1/3 full 1 train 40 B/C STAT S/U, facing S, and 1 train 10 passenger cars STAT S/U facing S. Train 20 cars, including 10 flat cars with heavy equipment mvg S out of Frankenthal. Factory activity Ludwigshafen. 5 trains STAT S/U facing S M/Y Ludwigshafen. M/Y Mannheim 4 trains STAT S/U facing SW. RR & Hwy bdg at Speyer appear serv. 20 B/C & empty flat cars in woods at R-4885. A/D Germersheim serv, no a/c or activity observed. Bdg serv at Germersheim. Factory burning, 12 or 13 loaded flat cars burning at Pfortz. Bdg serv at Pfortz. 15-20 semi-circular objects, about 3' thick and about 35' long in vic of R-2947. 6 rail cuts between Wissembourg & R-2551. 50 B/C at Alberswich R-2069. 2 trains, 30 B/C each in M/Y at Landau, STAT, S/U, facing N, yard 1/2 full. 7 scattered M/T B/W between R-1894 & R-1195. M/Y Neustadt 1/2 full. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L, Pfortz. M-A-H, Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Obliques, M/Y, Q-9994, 6000', 60°, 1045 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1145. WEATHER: CAVU, slight haze.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 540. TR/25/25/10

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1015-1230. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/3 full, approximately 1/2 the cars damaged, NMS. 4 large camouflaged bldgs in woods at W-1988. Military camp, 6 bldgs, SW side of Offenburg. 1 M/T mvg S at W-2368. M/Y Haslach almost empty, NMS. 1 M/T mvg S at W-3558. Smoke from tunnel at W-3948. Fire at W-5738. M/Y Villingen almost empty, NMS. Camouflaged dump at W-5239. M/Y Donaueschingen almost empty, NMS. 10 hospital cars and six small locos at W-4818. Fires in S part of Freiburg. A/D Freiburg appears unserviceable, no a/c or activity observed. Hospital east edge of Emmendingen. 8 B/C on siding at W-0350. 15 B/C & 3 flat cars with possible M/T at W-0363. 4 pill-boxes at W-0166. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L, Freiburg., Rocket flak (1 burst) at W-2743. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1035-1210. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL
D. 4.30 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 541. A/28/25/28

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1115-1315. Arty/A in Zweibrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: Contacted Quartpot at 1150. Fired first round on T/G at Q-719724. Did not observe burst. Requested air burst, and did not observe. Requested to move to T/G at Q-699743 at 1230. First burst was unobserved. Both T/G's became obscured by 8/10 cloud cover. Quartpot requested observation of a burst at Q-7168, but clouds prevented observation. Instructed to return to base by Quartpot. R/T was excellent. No observations made. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1140-1245. WEATHER: 8/10 base 1500', top 2000'. Vis 3-5 miles.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attadking area. (iii-vii) NIL (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATION NO. 542. PR/105,151, 152, 156/25/40

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1115-1315. P/R to Areas "A" & "C". OBSERVATIONS: Large fires in Ludwigshafen. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical, supply area, Q-743896, 6000', 90°, 1200 hrs. Vertical, stores, R-357698, 6000', 60-220°, 1215 hrs. Vertical, supply dump and supplies, R-381502 & R-383503, 6000', 10°, 1220 hrs. Vertical, M/T & supplies, Q-949527, 6000', 20°, 1240 hrs. Vertical, M/T & supplies, Q-949527, 5000', 220°, 1240 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1130-1300. WEATHER: 3-4/10 3000' top, 2000' base in Kaiserslautern area 7/10 10,000' remainder of area, visibility slighted restricted by haze.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Areas "A" & "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 543. TR/10/25/14

A. 2 F6Cs from 1145-1400. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y St. Wendell 18 hospital cars, yd 1/3 full, NMS. Siding at L-5509 60 B/C. M/Y Bad Kreuznach 2/3 full, NMS. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 1/5 full, NMS. M/Y Homburg 1/2 full, 1 train 3 B/C S/U STAT. M/Y Zweibrucken 1/2 full, NMS. 60 B/C on siding at L-8006. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY AIR: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, P.C.W. camp, Q-7267, 4000', 80°, 1335 hrs. Oblique, P.C.W. camp, Q-7267, 1500', 350°, 1340 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1340. WEATHER: 3-4/10 base 3500, top 4000' S & E Kaiserslautern. Remainder of area ceiling unlimited, visibility 5 miles in haze.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4.30 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 544 PR/A264/A265/A266/A260

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6B from 1255-1405. PR in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NONE. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, River, Q-5275 to Q-5168, 1600', 100°, 1320 hrs. Oblique, town, Q-7937 to Q-8137, 2500', 90°, 1335 hrs. Oblique, Bitche, Q-7549 to Q-8449, 2500', 90°, 1340 hrs. Photo A265 not taken, and A266, probably unsuccessful. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1310-1350. WEATHER: 6/10 cumulus. Base 2000', top 3500'. Visibility unlimited above clouds, below clouds, 2-3 miles.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 2.20 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 545 TR/3/25/3

A. 2 F6Ds from 1315-1520. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: No flat cars observed at R-1642 as reported yesterday. Pontoon bridge 1/2 way across Rhine E bank at Selz, 4 sections along E bank. 2 long flat buildings near siding at Selz, R-1037--called to controller and Torso flight bombed with poor results. 1 M/T moving N vicinity of Q-8143. No other movement seen in entire area from Bitsch to Seltz and S to front lines. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L and S-I-H at R-1037. PHOTOS: Three runs on sheds, all verticals, at R-1037 first two prior to bombing and last one for BDA. At 6500', 8000', and 9000', 80°, 170°, and 60° at 1350 hrs., 1400 hrs., and 1440 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1335-1450. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 546 TR/14/25/7

A. 2 F6Cs from 1315-1525. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 2 trains, 20 box cars and flat cars each, loaded with M/T in M/Y at Worth (R-3950). Bombed by 47's and resulted in 2 cars in each train burning. NMS from Worth to Germersheim on road and RR. M/Y at Germersheim 3/4 full, NMS. 1 barrage balloon at 1000' over bridge at Germersheim. 20 box cars and gondolas at R-4373. 30 gondolas in woods at R-3559. M/Y at Landau 1/2 full, 1 loco S/U in yard. 4 tank cars at R-2567. 5-10 box cars on siding at Albersweiler. 1 house in Albersweiler burning. 15 gondolas in M/Y at Annweiler. NMS from Annweiler to Pirmasens. M/Y at Neustadt 1/2 full, NMS. No M/T vicinity of R-1781 as reported yesterday. 10 box cars in M/Y at Bad Durkheim, NMS. ENEMY AIR: Engaged 30 Me's flying W in vicinity of Germersheim 16,000' at 1445 hrs. No claims. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1500. WEATHER: 5/10 overcast.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.20 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 547 TR/26/25/11

A. 2 F6Cs from 1315-1515. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Offenburg 1/4 full, heavily damaged. 30 box cars N of Dinglengen (W-0373) and 20 box cars S of Kinglengen. No dumpSW of Ettenheim (W-0662) as per briefing, appears to be quarry or gravel pit. 15 plus gondolas full of gravel on main line at W-0363. NMS from Ettenheim to Freiburg. 1 M/T moving S into Freiburg. M/Y at Freiburg 1/4 full, NMS. 2 large fires N of Freiburg. A/D at W-0533 unserv. String of 15 barrage balloons from Freiburg S to W-0827 also along RR from Freiburg to a lake in vicinity of W-3122. 3 RR cuts at W-3122 to Neustadt, unrepaired and line unserv. Neustadt M/Y appears heavily damaged. 3 gondolas protruding from S end of tunnel vicinity W-4220. M/Y at Loffingen W-4520 has been bombed, rail cuts in yard. M/Y W of Hausen W-5722, 15 plus red cross cars and 15 plus box cars, no locos. String of 50 plus box cars at W-5022. M/Y Donau Eschingen damaged. 15 plus red cross cars at W-6026. M/Ys at Villingen and at Schweningen heavily damaged, NMS. Villigen to Hausach, NMS. 1 M/T W of Hausach. 30 plus box cars in M/Y at Gengenbach. Near misses on tracks at W-2370. Whole area appears to be have been freshly bombed. ENEMY AIR: NIL.

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ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical of RR near misses at W-3123, 6000', 45°, at 1345 hrs. Vertical of RR cuts at W-3325 6000' 110°, at 1350 hrs. Vertical of M/Y at Neustadt (W-3123) 6000', 90°, at 1355 hrs. Vertical of M/Y at Villingen, 6000', 0°, at 1430 hrs. Vertical of M/Y at Schweningen, 6000', 180°, at 1430 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1500. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 548 TR/4/25/4

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1630-1805. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 4 large fires in Sulz (R-1138), result of bombing by P-47's. 6 scattered ambulances all moving N on highway between R-1340 and R-1648. 4 closed top coal cars on main track at R-0331. Definite rail cut at E end of M/Y at Sulz. 4 large fires in town of Pfortz. Heavy flak position on SE edge of Kutzenhausen(R-0838). ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H Sulz; S-I-L at Wissemburg. PHTOS: Vertical of M/Y at Wissemburg R-1648, 6000', 90°, at 1730 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1750. WEATHER: 10/10 at 12,000', visibility 3-10 miles in haze.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 3.10 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 549 TR/15/25/8

A. 2 F6Ds from 1625-1800. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train, 20 flat and gondola cars, STAT, facing SE at R-4883. M/Y Schifferstadt 1/3 full, NMS. 40 B/C on siding At R-4893. 1 train, 30 box cars, STAT, facing S at M-1107. M/Y Neustadt 1/4 full, 1 train, 20 flat cars and gray box cars, STAT, S/U, facing W on siding at Neustadt. 2 large hospitals in SE part of Neustadt. A/D at Speyerdorf damaged, possibly serv., 2 S/E a/c, possibly dummies, NMS. M/Y Edenkoben, 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Landau, 1/2 full, NMS. 40 box cars on siding at R-3068. Wissembourg, blanketed by incendiaries at 1730 hrs. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H at R-4893; I-A-L at Neustadt, (from train in M/Y). PHTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1735. WEATHER: Haze from 3500-4500'. Visibility 1/2 mile up-sun, 4-5 miles down-sun.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 3.10 hrs.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 550 TR/27/25/12

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1625-1835. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train, loco in one tunnel and rear end of train in another tunnel, with 8 flat cars loaded with camouflaged M/T between tunnels at W-395490. M/Y W Freiburg 1/2 full, 1 loco working. 4 scattered M/T--3 moving S and 1 STAT--S of Lahr. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L at Kenzingen. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1650-1810. WEATHER: Moderate haze--no ceiling.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL
D. 4.20 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

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A. 1 F-5E, from 1000A to 1215A. To photo Target: St. Ingbert Fuel and Ammo Dump, Supply and Ammo Dump at Q-701615, Strip - M-448170 to M-445130, RR/B at M-460169, M/Y 's at S-024552 and S-830410. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: Pilot encountered three (3) plus bursts of accurate flak over RR/ at Besigheim S-0542 at 18,000 ft., - A/C hit by flak - one (1) hole in leading edge of horizontal stabilizer. PHOTOS: St. Ingbert Fuel and Ammo Dump2at Q-543739, Supply and Ammo Dump at Q- 701615, Strip - M-448170 to M-445130, RR/B at M-460169, M/Y's at S-024552 and S-830410. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1130A. WEATHER: Moderate haze in area layer of stratus at 18,000 ft., . Mission successful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking Target: St. Ingbert Fuel and Ammo Dump, Supply Dump and Ammo Dum at Q-701615, Strip M-448170 to M-445130, RR/B at M-460169 , M/Y 's at S-024552 and S-830410. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes
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F. nil
G. nil
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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. S Q., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 Februarny 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3458 - (31)

A. 12F-5E's from 0950A to 1155A. To Photo Target: Rickingen Dam and Locks., Eglisau Dam and Locks, Bondsee Regulation Works. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Rickingen Dam and Locks - B-450858, Eglisau Dam and Locks - B-557863, Bondsee Regulation Works - B-818980/ RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1130A. WEATHER: Area covered 8/10ths breaking to 3/10ths contrails at 20, 000/ ft.,
Mission successful. - (Charles P. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)
Mission successful. - Cover Pilot. (Lawton C. McGlothlin 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5L's (ii) 2 attacking target: Rickingen Dam and Locks. Eglisau Dam and Locks, Bondsee Regulation Works. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISION U.S. --- 34/3459 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E from 0955A to 1130A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1100A. WEATHER: Extreme haze & stratus at 16,000 ft. Mission successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-3086 to Q-6470 o Q-5758 to Q-3074. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 35 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3460 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E from 0945A to 1145A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-6470 to Q-8958 to Q-8447 to Q-5258. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-6470 to Q-8958 to Q-8447 to Q-5258, Supply dump at Q-498833. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1100A. WEATHER: Slight haze in area and 3/10ths cloud coverage stratus in area. Mission successful. (William J. Andres, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target Block coverage Q-6470 to Q-8958 to Q-8447 to Q-5858. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. NIL
G. Nil
H. Nil

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25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3461 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E from 0945A to 1115A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7450 to Q-8650 to R-2726 to R-1816 to Q-7340. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7450 to Q-8650 to R-2726 to R-1816 to Q-7340. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025A. to 1045A. WEATHER: Thin layer of stratus at 16,000 ft. - moderate haze. Mission successful. (James E. Lively, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-7450 to Q-8650 to R-2726 to R-1816 to Q-7340. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 1 hr. 30 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3462 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E from 1005A to 1205A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7450 to Q-8650 to R-2726 to R-1816 to Q-7340. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7450 to Q-8650 to R-2726 to R-1816 to Q-7340. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1100A. WEATHER: Haze in area - contrails at 10,000ft. Mission successful. (Joe Merkle, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-7450 to Q-8650 to R-2726 to R-1816 to Q-7340. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3463 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E from 1010A to 1210A. To photo target: Block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-0357 to W-0183. OBSERVATION: Pilot observed ME 210 or ME 410 being chased by six (6) P-51's heading east at 23,000 at 1100A. ENEMY AIR: Pilot observed ME 210 or ME 410 being chased by six (6) P-51's heading east at 23,000 ft. at 1100A. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-0357 to W-0183. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1130A. WEATHER: Light haze in area. Mission successful. (Williard O. Davis, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage W-0183 to W-1580 to W-1157 to V-0357 to W-0183. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3464 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E from 1020A to 1220A. To photo target: Block coverage R-1211 to R-3011 to W-1580 to W-0183 to R-1211. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage R-1211 to R-3011 to W-1580 to W-0183 to R-1211. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1200A. WEATHER: Very thin clouds - also light haze. Mission successful. (Everett E. Custis, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage R-1211 to R-3011 to W-1580 to W-0183 to R-1211. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. — 34/3465 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E from 1010A to 1215A. To photo target: Block coverage V-9357 to W-1157 to W-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage V-9357 to W-1157 to W-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1130A. WEATHER: Moderate haze in area. Mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage V-9357 to W-1157 to W-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

S E C R E T

A. Operation "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset 25 February 1945

MISSION U.S.34/3466 - (43)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1425A to 1555A. To photo Target: Area - Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed large fire over Saarlouis. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Area : Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1450A to 1520A. WEATHER: 6/10ths covered by stratus at 5,000 and 15,000 ft., Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Area: Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil

D. 1 hr. 30 minutes G. nil

E. nil H. nil

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3467 - (44)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1445A to 1625A. To photo Target: M/Y at Lebach, Supply Dump at Q-490833, Homberg M/Y, Supply Dump at Q-722705, M/Y at L-8917, M/Y at Alzey, Marnheim Bridge, RR/Tunnel at R-17 9528, Bridge and Tunnel at R-179528. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS:
RR/Tunnel at R-179930. - other targets covered 10/10ths by stratus.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1510A to 1550A.
WEATHER: Two (2) layers of stratus at 5,000 ft., - 16,000 ft., Contrails at 19,500 ft.,
Mission partially successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: M/Y at Lebach, Supply Dump at Q-490833, Homberg M/Y , Supply Dump at Q-722705, M/Y at L-8917, M/Y at Alzey, Marnheim Bridge, RR/Tunnel at R-179528, Bridge and Tunnel at R-179528. (iii) nil (iv) nil
(v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 1hr. 40 minutes G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 331 for 24 hours ending sunset
25 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3468 - (45)

A. 1 F-5E, 1 F-5B, From 1445A to 1645A. To Photo Target: BDA's - Rastatt Area, Leutshein M/Y, Bridge at W-550863, M/Y at Donau/Eschingen, Bridge at S-264430, Ammo Dump at R-949747. OBSERVATIONS: Pilot noticed Two (2) immense fires in Donau/Eschingen, - and also large fires in Rottweil. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Rastatt Area - R-346284, Leutshein M/Y at R-0903, Bridge at W-550863, M/Y at Donau/Eschingen - Bridge at S-264430, and Ammo Dump at R-949747., also Stuttgart A/F at S-0811. all BDA's RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1600A. WEATHER: CAVU - heavy haze.
Mission successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.)
Mission successful. Cover Pilot - (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, F-5B, (ii) 2 attacking target: Rastatt Area, Leutshein M/Y, Bridge at W-550863, M/Y, M/Y at Donau /Eschingen Area, Bridge at S-264430, Ammo Dump at R-949747,
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil F. nil
D. 2 hrs. G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 416th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/25/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No 559 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 25 February, 1945.

A. Seven Beaufighters airborne during the period. Six on intruder missions in the Freiburg - Karlsruhe - Ludwigshafen - Neustadt area, and one on patrol in forward troop line in the Saarbrucken area. First intruder from 18:30 to 18:50. Returned due to engine difficulty. Second intruder from 19:00 to 19:30. Returned due to engine difficulty. Third intruder from 19:30 to 21:30. Saw excessive amount of rail movement, inter-city varied directions. Blacked out signal blocks on rail switches lighted red and green. Most rail movement on E side of Rhine in Karlsruhe - Stuttgart area. At Bretten (R-7150) saw sidings of about six tracks being used. Rail traffic in Wissembourg area. Flew along river near Karlsruhe, then turned towards Stuttgart. Saw lights in foothills and fired one burst, but saw no visible damage. Damaged 3 locomotives and 35 RR cars in area of Bruchsal, Vaihingen (R-9038), Pforzheim (R-7134) and Bretten (R-7150). Destroyed 1 locomotive and damaged 10 RR cars heading N at R-7247. Destroyed 2 locomotives and damaged 15 cars at R-7537. Damaged 1 locomotive and 10 RR cars at R-6041. Damaged 1 locomotive and 10 passenger cars heading N at R-5846. Saw RR bridge at Germersheim seemingly intact. Damaged 1 locomotive and 5 RR cars headed N just S of Landau. Damaged 1 locomotive and 5 RR cars S of Speyer. Flew N to Ludwigshafen. Turned S and about 5 miles S of Landau destroyed 1 locomotive (only 1 cannon functioning). Fourth intruder mission from 20:55 to 22:35. Flew to Point "X" and turned S, saw haze and smoke on ground. Flew N. At Landau and Neustadt saw 2 signal lights in mountains near Soultz (R-1039). Lights were blinking. Flying towards them they went on, flying away from them they went off, time 21:45. Saw air strip on E side of Neustadt, bomb craters seen on strip. At 22:15 in Saarbrucken area saw large white light leave ground and ascent in vertical direction with accelerating speed. Fifth intruder from 22:15 to 23:50. Returned due to engine difficulty. At 22:22 saw a reddish light about 5 miles off Port wing going from Angels 4 to about Angels 6 and disappearing in clouds, about 40 miles E of base. Sixth intruder from 23:15 to 23:35. Returned early due to R/T failure. Seventh GCI patrol from 00:15 to 01:35. Vectored onto bogey by GCI Ignite, but was taken off chase. Vectored to Saarbrucken area were Blimp was to have dropped flares. Searched area, but found nothing.

B. (i) Seven Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) Four
(e) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) Nohe
(viii) Seven

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 06:45

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E. (i) 42,000 x .303 - 7,000 x 20MM
(ii) 500 x .303 - 600 x 20MM
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 4 locomotives destroyed
7 locomotives damaged
90 RR cars damaged.

Harold F. Augsperger
HAROLD F. AUGSPERGER,
Major, Air Corps.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army,
1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat Officer).

OPREP A. No. 7 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours, 28 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 46, 47, 48, 49, 50 and 51, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 46. 12 a/c off at 1310 on pre-briefed bombing mission of train with 30 cars at R-3733. TOT 1545. 12 a/c landed at 1620. Bombs dropped from 4500 feet with 4 direct hits on train and 8 hits on tracks. No Flak. Weather CAVU over target.

A. AO 47. 12 a/c off at 1250 on pre briefed bombing mission of targets of opportunity on Route #3. TOT 1415, Bombs dropped in wooded area on NW edge of town of Pirmasens. No results observed. 2 locomotives strafed at W-4998 and 8 barrage balloons over dam at W-3457 also strafed. All planes landed at 1615. Scant heavy flak at W-0245 and W-5310. Weather CAVU.

A. AO 48. 16 a/c off at 1315 on pre-briefed bombing missions of targets of opportunity along routes 1, 2, 3. TOTS 1425 and 1440. Marshalling yards at R-7788 bombed from 4,000' by 8 a/c with no results. 4 a/c bombed train at S-1264 with 2 direct hits on train, bombs dropped from 2500'. 4 a/c bombed 5 barges at S-0273 from 2500' with near misses setting fire to stores piled on shore. Flak: Scant inaccurate at S-1264, moderate accurate 20mm from S-3765 to S-2057. All planes landed at 1605. Weather CAVU in Rhine valley.

A. AO 49. 12 a/c off at 1450 on pre-briefed bombing mission of targets of opportunity along route #3. TOT 1550. Bombs jettisoned when enemy aircraft were sighted about five miles south of Karlsruhe. E/A attacked and lost two and had two damaged. Flight then returned to base at 1755. No flak. Weather CAVU.

A. AO 50. 12 a/c off at 1430 on pre-briefed bombing mission of targets of opportunity SE of Karlsruhe. TOT 1600, before being able to bomb, flight was jumped by ME-109s and had to jettison bombs. No damages inflicted by either side. All aircraft landed at 1730. No flak. Weather CAVU in target area.

A. AO 51. 12 a/c off at 1700 on pre-briefed bombing mission of targets of opportunity along route #7. TOT 1810. Rail line at R-3385 bombed by 6 a/c from 5000' with 4 direct hits and 2 near misses. Remaining bombs jettisoned in enemy territory when controller instructed flight to return to base. All planes landed at 1930. Flak scant inaccurate from R-3385. Weather - Haze, visibility 5 miles over target area.

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OPERATIONS (Contd)

F. 1. 76 P-47Ds
2. 46 P-47Ds
3. ~~Nil~~ 2 A/C JUMPED BY E/A. - 6 INSTRUCTED TO RETURN TO BASE BY CONTROLLER
4. thru 6 Nil
7. 2 P-47Ds, 1 Cat. #1 by F/A, 1 Cat. #2 by flak.
8. 76

G. 1. 76 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. 27 x 75 gal. belly tanks.

D. 1. 211 hours 50 minutes.
2. 13 hours

E. 1. 241,600 x .50 cal.
2. 17,210 x .50 cal.
3. None.

F. 1. 48 x 500 RDX
104 x 500 GP
2. 24 x 500 RDX
67 x 500 GP
3. 24 x 500 RDX jettisoned 5 miles S. Karlsruhe when jumped by F/A.
12 x 500 GP at 8-2747, flight ordered back to base by controller.
24 x 500 GP jettisoned Approx. 5 miles S. Karlsruhe when jumped by F/A.
4. Nil

G. Nil

H. 1. 1 FW-190, 1 ME-109
2. Nil
3. 2 FW-190s.

I. Claims on ground.

9 rail cuts.
1 road block
1 barge damaged.
2 locomotives damaged.
7 rail cars destroyed, 17 damaged.
5 barrage balloons destroyed.

For the Group Commander:

IRA E. OVER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH FIGHTER GROUP (SS)

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APO 374, U.S. Army.
1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 293.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 293 for 24 hours ending sunset 28 February 1945.
AO-1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 13, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1319 hours, 28 February 1945, Lt. Adkins leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 24x500lb GP bombs and 24 x 4.5 rockets were carried. 8 x 500 bombs were dropped between R-178687 and R-192690 on 33 box cars, MNO. 8 RR cars left burning by straffing and 24 x 4.5 rockets. 8 x 500lb bombs dropped on highway R130692, 5 direct hits on highway causing road block. 7 x 500 lb bombs dropped on R-172676 destroying 2 box cars, one building and one railcut. 1 x 500 lb jettisoned safe in lake at U-2856. Scant light flak encountered at Lnnwiller, Time down at A-96, 1525 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1629 hours, 28 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 16 P-47D's and completed mission. 24 x 500 GP bombs and 24 x 4.5 rockets were carried. 8 x 500 lb bombs dropped at R-059676 resulting in 3 rail cuts. 8 x 500 lb bombs dropped at R-069669 resulting in rail cut (1), 3 buildings destroyed and 1 highway block at R-052672. 8 x 500 lb bombs dropped at R-080667 resulting in 1 railcut. 24 x 4.5 rockets dropped at R-106677 resulting in 5 buildings destroyed, 1 RR track damaged. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1847 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1342 hours, Lt. Borges leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 24 x 500 lb GP bombs and 8 x 260 lb frag were carried. 24 x 500 lb bombs and 8 x 260 frags were dropped in stores depot area at Q-740733 a huge explosion followed direct hit by Red 2, destroyed 1 warehouse of ammo and 10 buildings. Straffing at R-070667 destroyed 1 halftrack headed E and 10 personnel. Straffing at R-1164 destroyed 2 horses and 1 H/D vehicle headed SW. 3 bursts heavy flak at Zweibrucken. Time down A-96, 1544 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96, 1702 hours, Capt. Herrick leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 24 x 500 lb RDX bombs and 8 x 260 lb frags were carried, 1 x 260 frag returned to base. 14 x 500 lb bombs and 5 x 260 lb frags dropped on box cars at Dunweiler Q-485755, 2 rail cuts one N and one S of train, 10 buildings destroyed. 10 x 500 lb bombs and 2 x 260 lb frags dropped on 35 box cars at Herschbock Q-495770 large red flash from explosion, 10 buildings destroyed, 1 building destroyed Q 490770. Straffing destroyed 1 M/T at Q-5168, 1 M/T destroyed E of St. Ingbert Q-540755 4 M/T destroyed at Altstadt Q-6731. Scant heavy and medium light flak encountered at Homburg. Intense light flak at Saarbruken and Q5165. Time down A-96, 1902 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96, 1609 hours, Lt. Westerman leading. 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 22 x 500 lb bombs and and 2 x M-17 bombs were carried. 1 x 500 lb jettisoned in lake at U-5723. 21 x 500 lb bombs and 2 x M-17 bombs dropped on Revetments at U-628860. N.O. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1810 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Leaflet dropping mission from A-96 1724 hours Lt. Rathbone leading. 4 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 9 propaganda bombs were carried, 3 bombs were dropped on each of the following: Camp Oberhaffen, Schivirheim, Drusenheim. No flak encountered. Time down A-96, 1827 Hours.

B. 1. 76 x P-47D's.
2. 76 completed mission
3. thru 6 none.
7. 2-cat 1, flak. 1 cat 2, flak.
8. 76 Sorties.

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 156 Hours x P-47D's
2. None

E. 1. 144,400 x .50 cal. carried.
2. 18,143 x .50 cal expended.

F. 1. 72 x 500 GP Normal
46 x 500 RDX Instantaneous
48 x 4.5 Rockets
16 x 260 Fragmentation
2 x M-17 incendiary clusters.

2. 71 x 500
45 x 500
48 x 4.5
15 x 260
2 x M-17

3. 1 x 500 GP jettisoned
1 x 500 RDX "
1 x 260 Frag "

4. None.

G and H none.

For the Group Commander:

I. Other claims on ground.

8 RR Cars destroyed
25 RR cars damaged.
2 box cars destroyed.
10 railcuts
2 road blocks.
30 buildings destroyed.
1 warehouse destroyed.
1 halftrack destroyed.
6 M/T destroyed
1 H/D vehicle destroyed.

Leaflet Dropping.

B. 1. 4 x P-47D's
2. 4
3 thru 7 none
8. 4 sorties.

C. 1. None
2. None

D. 1. 4 Hours X P-47D'S
2. None

E. 1. 7,600 rds x .50 cal carried.
2. None

F. 1. 9 x 2576 Propaganda bombs.
2. 9 expended.
3. and 4 none.

G-through I None.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. ~~526~~ 526th Fighter Date 28 Feb 1945 Mission No. 3076

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1630 Time Down 1955 Total Hours 17:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather CAVU enroute to Landau.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point: A/R; Saarebrucken, Neunkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Landau, Wissembourg, Balieskastel and Saargemund. b. Time over Objective 1725 c. No. A/C Attacking 12 d. Alt. of Release 1,500'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Ret'd A/C to Base
500 GP	.1 N..025 T.	24	24				0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
	0		

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
50	30,000	2,890

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Heavy	Inaccurate	Scant	Zweibrucken
Light	Accurate	Intense	R-2976

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Ret'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Ret'd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type) nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. Attacked Rail yards at Edenkoben (R-2976). 20 bombs in T/A, effected at least two rail cuts, demolished one building. Strafed 20 plus rail cars in yards, rusults unobserved. 4 bombs South of yards, cut tracks on bridge approach.

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 28 Feb 45 Mission No. 3077

1. No. Of 13 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1510 Time Down 1700 1730 Total Hours 24:50 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing & Strafing 3. Weather Hazy over target area.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
761, P-47D	smoke in cockpit

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
Nil	

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed Recce. Area #2. First Alt. target: gasoline & Ammo dump Q-689822. b. Time over Objective 1600 c. No. A/C Attacking 12 d. Alt. of Release 2000'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 13 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Ret'd to Base
500GP	.1 .025	26	16	8			Nil	Nil

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500GP	2	No landings with bombs	Lake Q-2822

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	36,400	1835

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	acc	mod	T/A Q-689822
Lt	inacc	scant	Q-8070

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties:

d. A/C Ret'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Ret'd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) Nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type) Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Baggage did not give target. Bombed alternate, ammo dump Q-689822. Glide bombed, releasing bombs at 2000'. 4 x 500 on target, 12 misses. T/A strafed in dive, 4 A/C making second pass. 4 A/C bombed train (2 locos pulling 40 RR cars NE at L-5145) 4 x 500 DH on cars, 6 cars des., 4 cars dam., 1 rail cut, 4 near misses.

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 28 Feb 45 Mission No. 3074

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1350 Time Down 1540 Total Hours 22:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing & Strafing 3. Weather 3/10 at 5000' over target.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:
No. & Type: Nil Reason:

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission
No. & Type: Nil Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed Recce. Saarebrucken, Neunkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Landau, Wissembourg, Blieskastel and Saargemund. RR Station Q-7873. b. Time over Objective: 1450 c. No. A/C Attacking: 12 d. Alt. of Release: 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	24				Nil	Nil

Exlosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
Nil			

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	4750

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	inacc	scant	R-1369
Hy-Lt	acc	scant	Q-7951

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
Nil		

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
42-26787	flak	Slight injuries

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Tactical formation enroute. Dived bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. 18 x 500 direct hits in RR station at Q-7873; 6 misses. Rails cut and undetermined number of RR cars, of estimated 50 in station, 10 des., & 20 dam.; Strafing pass made on RR cars at R-1369, leaving 10 cars burning.

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 28 Feb 1945 Mission No. 3076

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1445 Time Down 1650 Total Hours 25:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather Hazy, vis. 10 Mi.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type: nil Reason:

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: nil Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: A/R; Saarebrucken, Neunkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrueken, Landau, Wissembourg, Blieskastel and Saargemund. Alt. T; Gas and Ammo a t Q-6568. b. Time over Objective: 1550 c. No. A/C Attacking: 12 d. Alt. of Release: 1,300'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500 GP	.1 N.,.025 T.	24	8	16			- 0	0

Explosive Jettisoned: 0 Number: Reason: Location:

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
50	30,000	3,400

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Heavy	Inaccurate	Scant	Saarbrueken

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties:

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW, LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil	nil	nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. 4 A/C attacked Rail yard at R-2855; 2 direct hits on cluster of 6 cars, destroyed 4 and damaged 2. 2 bombs damaged building nearby. 4 bombs in yard, effected rail cut. 8 A/C attacked supplies and ammo at Blickweiler (Q-6568): 2 direct hits or N/M on factory, started fire; 8 in town, set off small explosion and started two fires; 6 misses.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 28 Feb 45 Mission No. 3075

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1515 Time Down 1700 Total Hours 18:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather .6 cover at 6,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
579 P-47D	Landing gear
071 P-47D	Wingman

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed recce area #2 Zweibrucken, Homberg, Kaiserslautern, Neustadt, Bidenkoven, Bellheimer R-4165 Leuterbourg and Selts R-2843 b. Time over Objective 1610 c. No. A/C Attacking 10 d. Alt. of Release 3500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	20				

Exolosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500GP	4	Landing gear trouble & wingman	U-805020

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	300

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Moderate	R-1971

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
Nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
Nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA	MIA on Miss. No.	e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded	MIA on Miss. No.
Nil			

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Flight dive bombed from 8500' to 3500'. Flight attacked approx. 40-50 RR cars (6-8 of which were burning from a previous attack) at R-2168. 12 X 500 direct hits on RR cars destroying approximately 16 RR cars, damaging approximately 8 RR cars and cut the rails in at least 3 places.

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 28 Feb 45 Mission No. 3073

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1405 Time Down 1550 Total Hours 21:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather .4 cover at 4-5,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type — Reason — b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type — Reason

Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: b. Time over Objective c. No. A/C Attacking d. Alt. of Release

Armed recce area #2 Zweibrucken, Homberg, Kaiserslautern, Neustadt, Edenkoven, Bellheimer, R-4165 Lauterbourg and Selts R-2843 — 1440 — 12 — 3500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.		Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	.1	.025	24	24				

Explosive Jettisoned — Number — Reason — Location

Nil

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	2540

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	Landau
Heavy	Inaccurate	Scant	Neustadt Q-7822

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered — Location — Aggressiveness

Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~xxxx~~ Damaged b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

1 P-47D 587 Cat #1 — Enemy flak — Nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA — MIA on Miss. No. — e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded — MIA on Miss. No.

Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) — E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) — E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Flight dive bombed from 9,000' to 3500'. 16 X 500 on road running W out of Saarebrucken (Q-4473 to Q-4476) cratering road and creating block. 6-7 horse drawn vehicles on road believed destroyed. ~~Destroyed~~ Dust obscured observation. Could not be seen after attack. 4 X 500 on rails at Q-7369 effecting 2 cuts, 4 misses.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 28 Feb 1945 Mission No. 3072

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1300 Time Down 1500 Total Hours 24:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather T/A 10/10 cover at 6,500'. Hole in overcast 10 mi W of Kaiserlautern.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point: A/R; Saarrebrueken, Neunkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Landau, Wissembourg, Bliekastel and Saargemund. b. Time over Objective 1400 c. No. A/C Attacking 12 d. Alt. of Release 1,500'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500 GP	.1 N..025 T.	24	20	4			0	0

Explosive Jettisoned: Number 0 Reason Location

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
50	30,000	5,480

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	T/A Q-8794
Heavy	Accurate	Intense	Q-6875

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type): nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type): nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. Attacked Railroad train of Locomotive and 20 cars moving North at Ramstein (Q-8794). 2 direct hits and 2 N/M destroyed Locomotive; 6 direct hits and 8 N/M destroyed 10 RR cars, probably damaged others, rail cuts effected; 2 hits in nearby building area (town), started fire among buildings. Train and town well strafed. 4 bombs dropped in area Q-6875, no results observed.

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
28 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 28 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

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Mission 2892 (Dive bombing mission)

7 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1240 down at 1450, target, supply point at Q-929713, 6 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 1310, bomb run to 2000', 12 hits on target destroyed 5 buildings, 5 hits in buildings S of target started 2 fires, 4 buildings damaged, 2 hits near Rastatt at R-355296, no damage. Weather 10/10ths top 6000' over Vosges Mts & Mannheim area, 8/10ths layer 5000' - 6000' over target, breaking up. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb, 5 x 100 lb.

Mission 2893 (Dive bombing mission)

9 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1245 down at 1500, target, ammo dump at Q-441797. T.O.T. 1330, bomb run to 2000', 10 scattered misses, 8 hits in target area causing 1 small explosion with brown & grey smoke, further observations prevented, due to weather. 3 A/C strafed 1 MT & 1 horse drawn vehicle W. of Neunkirchen, 1 MT damaged. 4 A/C strafed 1 MT, NE of Neustadt, 1 MT damaged. Scant HAA from Homburg, intense LAA, Neustadt. Weather, base to target area, ground haze to 5000', clear above. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb.

Mission 2894 (Armed recce)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1250 down at 1450, target RR & 50 plus coal cars between R-176680 & R-190690. T.O.T. 1410, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits cut rails in area, 6 misses, 2 rockets among cars. Flight strafed cars, fireing 13 rockets, all misses, 20 cars damaged by strafing. 4 A/C bombed RR at town at R-164673, 2 hits cut rails at R-162673, 2 hits cut rails at R-170675, 5 hits in town E of tracks, destroying 8 buildings, 4 damaged, 3 misses. Flight strafed town at target. Weather 4/10ths - 6/10ths base 1000', ground haze over entire area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 4 x 100 lb, 15 Rockets.

Mission 2895 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1320 down at 1530, target, gas stores at R-569925. T.O.T. 1400, bomb run to 1000', 9 hits on target, destroying 1 large & 2 small tanks, tanks exploded & issued reddish black smoke up to 3000', 6 hits on buildings N of target, 4 misses, 3 hits at R-6789, no results observed. 4 A/C strafed 2 MT at R-995310, both damaged, 2 A/C strafed & destroyed 1 horse drawn vehicle at S-0230. Scant HAA at R-569925. Weather 6/10ths top 6000' with haze below over entire area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 6 x 100 lb.

Mission 2896 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1330 down at 1530, target, gas & ammo dump at Q-689822. T.O.T. 1400, bomb run to 2000', 3 misses, 15 hits in target area, no results observed, 2 bombs dropped & 6 rockets fired at Zweibrucken M/Y. T.O.T. 1505, 2 hits unobserved, 6 rockets hit & damaged loco shed. 6 A/C strafed M/Y. Lt. Manning hit by flak while on rocket run on M/Y at Q-745723, plane crashed & exploded, pilot did not get out. Lt. Manning, K.I.A. Scant inaccurate heavy & mod. accurate LAA at Zweibrucken, scant small arms fire at Q-689822. Weather 6/10ths - 7/10ths base 6000' - 7000' entire area.
Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 4 x 100 lb, 6 Rockets.

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Mission 2897 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1540 down at 1730, target, barracks at Q-384885. T.O.T. 1635, bomb run to 1000', 5 hits in target area, 5 buildings destroyed, 8 hits in woods N. of target, 4 near misses, 6 misses. Weather N. of target 8/10ths 4000' top, target, hazy but clear. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 7 x 100 lb.

Mission 2898 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1540 down at 1740, target, ammo dump at Q-385896. T.O.T. 1620, bomb run to 2000', 12 hits in target area, 2 hits NE of area, 2 hits S. of area, 2 hung up & were dropped among buildings at Q-898678, 1 building destroyed & 1 damaged. 4 A/C strafed & fired 24 rockets at troops along road 2 miles NW of Zinsweiler at Q-867375. T.O.T. 1625,no results observed. 4 A/C strafed fuel drums at Q-8839. T.O.T. 1640, no fires started.. Small arms fire at Q-8839. Weather 3/10ths - 5/10ths base 9000' N of Neunkirchen, ground haze in target area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 2 x 100 lb, 24 Rockets.

Mission 2899 (Dive bombing mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1555 down at 1755, target, supply dump at Q-647684. T.O.T. 1620, bomb run to 2000', 7 hits in target area, 4 buildings destroyed, 6 hits in town S. of target, 6 buildings destroyed & 2 damaged, 2 hits at Q-650687, 1 large building damaged, 2 hits on nearby road, road block, 3 hits N. of target, 3 hits S. of target, 1 hit in town at Q-733654, started fire. Scant LAA at target. Weather CAVU to target, slight ground haze. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb.

Mission 2900 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1810, target, stores depot at Q-740733. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits among buildings W. of target started small fire, 2 buildings destroyed, 6 misses, 8 hits N end of area, 2 hits in target area, supply dump damaged. 3 A/C fired 12 rockets at 50 plus coal cars at R-162673, could not ascertain hits of rockets, 6 rockets jettisoned here, would not fire. Mod. inaccurate LAA at Q-740733 & R-162673. Weather, ground haze, no clouds. 2 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 2 x 100 lb, 12 rockets.

Mission 2901 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1625 down at 1815, target, factory & supply at Q-650687. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits cut rails in targer area, 2 hits on factory damaging building, 18 hits scattered among buildings W. of target in small town. Weather 3/10ths base 5000' in target area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb, 6 x 100 lb .

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	8
	(ii)	8
	(viii)	8
Note 5 D	(i)	16:00
Note 6 E	(i)	16,000
	(ii)	1,600
Note 7 F	(i)	16 x 500 lb G.P. 4 x 100 lb & 15 Rockets
	(ii)	16 x 500 lb G.P. 4 x 100 lb & 15 Rockets

DIVE BOMBER MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	76
	(ii)	76
	(vi)	1 Flak
	(vii)	2 Flak, Cat #1
	(viii)	76
C	(i)	1 75 gal.
	(ii)	1 75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	151:15
Note 6 E	(i)	152,000
	(ii)	17,830
	(iii)	2,000
Note 7 F	(i)	152 x 500 lb G.P. 31 x 100 lb W.P. 48 Rockets
	(ii)	150 x 500 lb G.P. 31 x 100 lb W.P. 42 Rockets
	(iii)	6 Rockets
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb G.P.
Note 8 G		1 Pilot K.I.A.

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT		4
RR cars		20
Supply dumps		3
Fuel dumps	1	
Horse drawn vehicles	1	
Buildings	31	14

	Complete
Road blocks	1
RR cuts	4

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

FG/5

1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 227 for the period ending Sunset 28 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 16 and 17. Armed reconnaissance missions.

A. A.O.16 12 P-47s of the 367 Squadron dispatched at 1331 to conduct A/R. 36 x 500# GPs with belly spike were carried. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to targets to Neustadt to Landau to Wissembourg to base. Time over target areas 1415-1515. 8 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-184910 - near misses with no claim on tunnel but RR cuts at E and W ends. 3 GPs on RR bridge at R-201898 -- RR bridge destroyed by direct hits. 12 GPs on tunnel at R-178926 -- 2 bombs went inside tunnel, 3 direct hits on S end of tunnel, and tracks were ripped up on S end, tunnel claimed damaged. 6 GPs on tunnel at R-197902 -- 1 bomb in tunnel and others damaged E end. 6 GPs on tunnel at R-205891 -- E end damaged. 1 GP jettisoned in the vicinity of Pirmasens after it had hung up during bomb run. The following claims are made from strafing: 2 M/T moving S at R-1562 strafed with 1 destroyed and 1 damaged; 1 M/T facing S at R-3079 damaged; 1 M/T and trailer facing S at R-940763 destroyed; 1 M/T moving N and 1 building at R-972688 destroyed; 1 bus facing SW at R-9471 destroyed. There were no observations, no flak, no losses, and no e/a seen. Weather: 5/10 cloud, 5,000 ft base, 5100 ft top, visibility 7-10 miles. Down 1539.

A.O.17 12 P-47s of the 367 Squadron dispatched at 1630 to conduct A/A. 24 x 260# Frags, and 12 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to target, R-165970, to Neustadt to Landau to Wissembourg to base. Time over target areas was 1710-1725. 23 Frags and 1 GP dropped on factory area at R-165970 with a good concentration and fire started, but haze prevented further observation. 7 GPs and 1 frag on tunnel at R-260890 -- 2 bombs in the

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tunnel with 2 Rkt cuts on the west end of the tunnel, but no claim on the tunnel itself. 4 GFs on tunnel at R-170934 no claim. 1 A/T facing E at R-0560 destroyed by strafing. Flak: scant light at R-1667. There were no observations, no losses, and no e/a seen. Weather: heavy haze, high scud about 5/10s, visibility up sun about 1/2 mile, down sun 5 miles. Down 1834.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-184910, Rkt cuts at E and W ends.
Bridge (Rkt) at R-201898.
Tunnel at R-178926.
Tunnel at R-197902.
Tunnel at R-205891.
Also strafed the following:-
2 A/T moving E at R-1562.
1 A/T facing S at R-3079.
1 A/T and trailer facing S at R-240763.
1 A/T moving E and 1 bldg at R-272688.
1 bus facing SW at R-9471.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Factory area at R-165670.
Tunnel at R-260890.
Tunnel at R-170934.
Also strafed 1 A/T facing N at R-0560.
24 a/c completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 51:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 11,520 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail, 1113.
24 - 260# Frag bombs, fused-nose M103;tailM100A2.
(ii) 47 - 500# GPs and 24 - 260# Frags expended as follows:-
8 GPs on tunnel at R-184910.
3 GPs on Rkt bridge at R-201898.
12 GPs on tunnel at R-178926.
6 GPs on tunnel at R-197902.
6 GPs on tunnel at R-205891.

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23 Frag bombs)
1 GP bombs) dropped on factory area at R-165670.
1 Frag bomb)
7 GP bombs)dropped on tunnel at R-260890.
4 GPs on tunnel at R-170934.

(iii) 1 - 500# GP jettisoned in the vicinity of Pirmasens after it had hung up during bomb run.

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 2

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 3

17. Other claims,
Tunnels, c) Damaged, 3.

4. (2) Operations No.: A.O.19 and 20. To conduct Air Cooperation and Armed Recce.

A. A.O.19. 12 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 1325 to conduct A/C and A/R. 36 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Bitche to ↳-758610 to Landau to Zweibrucken to Barreburg to base. Time over target areas 1400-1455. Contacted Pelican Dog who smoked woods 1/2 miles N of Biche which possibly contained A/T. The only thing observed was a Red Cross A/T going S. Pelican Dog then gave target at ↳-758610 and the woods were recced for gas supplies and A/T but nothing was reserved. All 36 bombs were dropped in the woods with a good concentration of hits, but no other results observed. The following claims are made from strafing: 11 light flak guns damaged, and 1 light flak gun destroyed. The following observations were made: a circle just inside woods at ↳-758610 that might possibly be entrenchments; 1 A/T going S at ↳-756612. Flak: 18 light flak positions at ↳-762608 and ↳-758605. There were no losses and no e/a seen. Weather: 5-6/10ths at 3 to 4,000 ft with visibility down sun unlimited, and up sun 2 to 3 miles. Weather was moving S out of area. Down 1335.

A.O.20. 12 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 1353 on A/C and A/R. 36 x 500# GP bombs with 8-11 second fuses were carried. Route flown was base to Saarbrucken to base. Recce was not completed due to time required to identify and attack assigned target. Pelican Baker gave the town of St Arnual, ↳-477689, as a target and he had it marked with red smoke. 36 GPs dropped on the town with an excellent concentration of hits in the center

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of the town. An estimate of the damaged caused is impossible due to the damaged condition of the town prior to the attack. Two strafing passes were made. The following observations were en route: a small A/F about 200 yds NE of the target at Q-477-689 with three hangar type buildings, grass field, and no runway. Our panelled vehicles and troops observed in Ensheim, Q-545675, and to the NW of the town. Flak: moderate light at Q-477689; 3 light flak positions on S side of A/F at Q-477690. There were no losses and no e/a seen. Weather: no clouds, slight, haze, and visibility 15 miles. Down 1530.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs in the target at Q-758610, gas supplies and M/T.
Also strafed the following:-
11 light flak guns.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the town of St Arnual, Q-477689. Also strafed the town.
24 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 47:50
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 20,640 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs, fused tail M113, 8-11 sec.
(ii) 72 - 500# GP bombs were expended as follows:-
36 GPs in woods, gas supplies and M/T at Q-758610.
36 GPs on town of St Arnual, Q-477689.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. Nil

I. 6. Flak installations,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 11

Bombs were dropped in a gasoline and supply dump, in woods, with a good concentration of hits, but no results observed.

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4. (3) Operations No.: A.O. 21 and 25. Dive-bomb missions.

A. A.O.21 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1715 to bomb supply point at Q-929713. 16 x 500# GP bombs and 8 x 460# incendiaries were carried. Route flown was base to Q-929713 to Neustadt to Kaiserslautern to base. Time over target areas was 1742-1830. All bombs were dropped on the P/T. 10 GPs and 6 incendiaries were direct hits on the target resulting in 2 large fires and 4 smaller fires in the buildings. Three of the large buildings in the center of the target had already been butted by fires made by other attacks. Squadron claims 7 bldgs destroyed. There were no observations in route. Flak: moderate light at R-2572 and moderate heavy at Kaiserslautern. No losses and no e/a seen. Weather: no clouds, haze to 6,000 ft and visibility 3 to 5 miles. Down 1915.

A.O.25. 15 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 1645 to bomb RR gun at R-15203718. 30 x 500# GP bombs were carried (13 bombs had 4-5 second fuse, 15 had 6 hr fuses and 2 had 36 hour delay fuses). Route flown was base to Hagenau to Lauderburg to target to base. Time over target areas was 1720-1810. All bombs were in the target areas except 2 which hung up over target and fell off at R-1430. The following claims are made from strafing: 4 light flak positions at R-125375 damaged; 10 light flak gun positions at R-140373 damaged; 3 light flak gun positions at R-1339 damaged. There were no observations en route. Flak: intense light at R-125375 and all around Soultz. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 2 (flak). No e/a seen. Weather: no cloud but haze up to 12,000 ft with visibility up sun nil and down sun 5-6 miles. Down 1900.

B. (i) 27 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
P/T, supply point at Q-929713.
15 A/C dropped bombs in the target area, RR gun at R-15203718.
Also strafed the following:-
4 light flak positions at R-125375.
10 light flak positions at R-140373.
3 light flak gun positions at R-1339.
27 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged, by flak, category 2.
(viii) 27

C. Nil

D. (i) 60:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 64,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 8,390 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 46 - 500# GP bombs dispatched, fused tail, 13 had 4-5 sec. fuse, 15 had 6 hr fuses and 2 had 36 hr delay fused; 16 had M103 nose, and M101A2 tail fuses.
8 - 460# Incendiaries dispatched.

(ii) 46 - 500# GPs and 8 - 460# Incendiaries were expended as follows:-
16 GPs and 8 Incendiary bombs on supply point at Q-927713.
30 GPs in target area, MM gun at R-15203718.

(iii) Nil

(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 6. Flak positions,
c) Damaged, 17

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 7

For the Group Commander:

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (L) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432. SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 23 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - -

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 28 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. NO MISSION

1. No. Off ____ Time Up ____ Time Down ____ Total Hours ____
2. *a.* Type Mission : ____ *b.* Escorted by : ____
3. Weather : Mission Cancelled (Target Weather)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) ____ (2) ____
(3) ____ (4) ____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack ____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area ____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM : 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 135 for 24 hrs ending sunset 28 February 1945. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3869 TR/7/28/17

A. 2 F 60's from 1345 to 1650 to recce St Wendel, Ottweiller, Neuenkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: 3 MT mvg S at Q-4574. 2 HDT mvg N At Q-4675. 12 HDT mvg N between Q-4979 and Q-5082. Called to controller and led Red Tape flight to target and all HDT were bombed and straffed and overturned into ditches. 3 MT mvg S at Q-5185. 25 gondolas in M/Y St Wendel. 25 boxcars in M/Y Ottweiler. 40 boxcars and gondolas in Neuenkirchen M/Y. 60 to 75 boxcars in Homburg M/Y. 40 boxcars in Zweibrucken M/Y. No other mvt seen. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc: Neuenkirchen. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU TOA: 1400 to 1635.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 6 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3870 TR/22/28/21 (Sortie 232)

A. 2 F 60's from 1340 to 1555 to recce Hagenau, Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Stuttgart, Freudenstadt. OBSNS: NMS Hagenau/Weibenburg. 8 flat cars loaded with MT, stat., at R-3835. 1 train with 40 plus boxcars stat fcg N at R-3733. Rastatt bridge not serviceable but repairable at R-351287. NMS Karlsruhe/Pforzheim. 12 MT scattered mvg E R-8128/R-9516. 1 train with 15 plus boxcars mvg S at S-1603. 15 MT scattered mvg N into town at R-4519. Offenburg M/Y about 1/3 filled with mostly boxcars. NMS Strassbourg/Freudenstadt. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of Rastatt Bridge at R-351287. R/C: Good interphone but poor with controller. WEATHER: 3/10 to 10/10 over battle area at 4500 to 5500 feet. TOA: 1405 to 1530.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3871 TR/18/28/25

A. 2 F 60's from 1345 to 1545 to recce Mannheim, Heilbrown, Bruchsal, Durlach, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: RR bridge at R-4348 serviceable. Road and RR bridge at Germersheim intact. Road and RR bridge at Speyer intact. Mannheim overcast and unobsd. Heidelberg M/Y 1/3 filled. 45 plus barges on Neckar R at Heilbronn. Heilbronn M/Y 3/4 filled. No activity and very few RR cars in Karlsruhe M/Y. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 5/10 at 4000 ft over area. TOA: 1410 to 1530.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3872 TR/11/28/27

A. 2 F 60's from 1440 to 1625 to recce Zweibrucken, Pirmasens, Bitche, Homburg, Neuenkirchen. OBSNS: 10 buildings in woods at Q-495724 appear to be barracks. No activity at Q-441746 or vicinity. NMS Q-7263/Zweibrucken/Pirmasens/Bitche/Q-7263 on main or secondary roads or in wooded area. Covered area with Pelican flight for 45 minutes. 3 MT mvg W into Neuenkirchen. 1 train 30 plus boxcars mvg SE into Homburg. No activity Homburg M/Y. Yards 1/4 filled. Zweibrucken M/Y about 1/3 filled. 10 flatcars, appeared to be loaded with crates, stat at Q-7185, on rail line running through wooded area. Called controller. 1 train 10 cars (type u/c) mvg N from Landstuhl Q-8891. NMS Kaiserslautern to Pirmasens. String of 50 cars at bend in RR line leading into M/Y at Q-9073, no loco. Remainder of area not covered because of fuel shortage. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc: Q-7185. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU. TOA: 1500 to 1610.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3873 A/15/28/28

A. 2 F 60's from 1430 to 1700. Arty R. at R-115384, R-09933731, OBSNS: 20 troops marching N at R-0935. 10 troops in road at R-086344. 1 MT mvg S at R-1038. Adjustment was with VI Corps (Mable) 8" gun. Contacted Mabel at 1450 hrs. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-intense-inacc at Soultz R-1138. PHOTOS: RJ R-115384, RR R-099373. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU TOA: 1445 to 1645.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3874 TR/19/28/21

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1815 to recce Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: Bridge at Karlsruhe (R-4248) intact. Bridge at Speyer intact. Bridge at Germersheim intact. Heidelberg M/Y about 1/3 filled with boxcars. 100 plus boxcars in M/Y at R-7988. Great amount of supplies (crates, lumber) on north bank of river at R-8189. 75 plus boxcars M/Y at R-8596. 50 plus boxcars in M/Y at S-0285. Heilbronn M/Y about 5/12 filled with boxcars. NMS Heilbronn/Karlsruhe. Main M/Y at Karlsruhe about 1/2 filled with mostly boxcars, also 2 locos s/u. E M/Y Karlsruhe about 1/2 filled with boxcars and 1 loco s/u. E/A: Nil. E/F: Hvy-scant-inacc at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: CAVU with hvy haze. TOA: 1630 to 1800.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3875 TR/8/28/18 (Sortie 234)

A. 2 F 60's from 1620 to 1820 to recce Saarlautern, Saarbrucken, St Ingbert, St Wendel, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Saargemund. OBSNS: Bridges intact at Q-424712, Q-459707, Q-459705, and Q-467702. 5 scattered MT N into St Ingbert. 10 MT scattered mvg NE and 5 MT scattered mvg SW Neuenkirchen-Saarbrucken. 50 mixed cars, flatcars and boxcars, at Q-517786, flatcars were all loaded some with MT. Hepburn Blue flight attacked target, bright orange flames to 2000 ft from explosions and smoke to 5000 ft. Hepburn leader flight hit another train at Q-504780 of 30 plus boxcars and string of 30 boxcars in the yards. Q-6673, string of 20 boxcars. Q-6978, string of 20 plus boxcars. E section Homburg M/Y badly damaged. 100 plus boxcars and gondolas in west section of yards. NMS Homburg/Landstuhl. Zweibrucken M/Y less than 1/4 filled. Neuenkirchen M/Y 1/4 filled, no activity. NMS Q-6363/Homburg. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical BDA Q-517786. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Hazy. TOA: 1650 to 1800.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3876 TR/23/28/22

A. 2 F 60's from 1620 to 1835 to recce Rastatt, Baden, Stuttgart, Boblingen. OBSNS: Bridge at R-351287 unserviceable. 100 plus boxcars M/Y at W-1794. NMS Kehl/Freudenstadt/W-7183/Stuttgart. On an incline approx 150 ft long leading down to a concrete construction with large opening, large enough for a vehicle to enter, possibly revetment for A/C. 2 trains 40 plus boxcars ea mvg N out of Kornwestheim M/Y. 1 train 30 plus boxcars N into Kornwestheim M/Y and 1 loco s/u in yards. NMS Stuttgart/Pforzheim. 1 MT NW Niederbronn to Bitche. E/A: Nil. E/F: Intense-inacc-lt at R-3219. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Hazy. TOA: 1640 to 1820.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
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APO 374 US ARMY

28 February 1945

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FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 166 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 28 February 1945.

OPERATION NO. 556 TR/3/28/3

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1410-1630. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Fires in Muttenhausen Q-7943. Train, 10 B/C and flat cars, STAT, S/U, fac S at Q-9073. 50 B/C and gondolas in M/Y at Q-9073. Factory still active at Q-9073. 6 block towers, either being constructed or dismantled, at R-0938. No bdg serv between Strassbourg and Lauterburg. Dismantled pontoon bdg at R-3441, R-3228, R-2933, and R-2828. ENEMY AIR : NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vert. (?), Q-8543, 2000' 90° 1500 hrs.(T/O). Vert, RR cars R-1038 4000' 90° 1535 hrs.(T/O) Vert. RR cars, R-1038 2000' 135° 1535 hrs.(T/O). Vert. Towers R-0938, 4000' 30° 1540 hrs, (T/O). RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1435-1555. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking area "A" (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.40 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 557 TR/14/28/7

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1410-1630. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Zweibrucken 1/8 full, NMS. yd appears 1/2 serv. M/Y Homburg 1/4 full, NMS. yd appears 1/2 serv. 15 B/C on siding at Landstuhl Q-8891. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y S Kaiserslautern 1/4-1/3 full, NMS. 1 M/T mvg W at R-0897. RR from Kaiserslautern to Grunstadt appears serv, NMS. Rail cut at M-1809, under repair, remainder of RR from M-1108 to M-3816 appears serv. 2 M/T mvg S at M-3317. RR &HWY BDGS at Worms appear serv. 1 M/T mvg W into Worms. M/Y at Ludwigshafen 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Mannheim 1/3 full, appears 1/2 serv. 12 B/C on siding at M-4401. 2 M/T mvg W on Autobahn atM-2905. M/Y Neustadt 1/4 full, NMS. 6 B/C burning on train at R-1869. Possible Supply dump at Q-9853. 1 M/T parked at Q-9147. 3 large camouflaged objects at Q-8443. 3 HDT mvg W at Q-8837. 30-40 B/C on siding at R-4786. RR from Kaiserslautern to Neustadt appears serv. NMS. Rail cut at R-0867. M/Y at Q-9173 1/3 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: Approximately 20 ME 109's 20,000' in dog-fight with P-47's between Rastatt & Karlsruhe, observed 1 ME 109 shot down at 1600 hrs. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, train, R-1869 4500' 60° 1515 hrs, (BDA). RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1425-1610. WEATHER: 2-8/10 base 2500-4000', top 5000-6000' in Kaiserslautern area.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.40 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 558 TR/9/28/13

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1400-1605. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NMS on RR from Homburg to Saarbrucken. 6 B/C on siding at Q-7988. 20 B/C on siding at Landsthul Q-8891. 1 M/T mvg E at Q-8690. 1 M/T mvg W at Q-9392. M/Y at Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, 1 STAT loco, NMS. 2 M/T mvg W on Autobahn at R-1298. 20 B/C on siding on M-1103. 50 B/C on main track at Q-7590. 20 B/C on siding at Q-7893. 6 scattered M/T BW on Hwy from Bitche to Pirmasens. NMS on RR from Bitche to Reichshofen Q-9438. RR from Homburg to Kaiserslautern appears serv, NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-H, Hornbach area. PHOTOS: Vertical, barracks, Q-4474, 5000' 260° 1520hrs (BDA). RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA:1415-1540. WEATHER: 8/10 base 3000', top 5000'. Vis 3 miles, haze under overcast at Bad Kreuznach.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 600 rds. (iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 559 TR/26/28/11

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1405-1535. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 rail cut at W-165945. Possible supply dump at W-190890. NMS on RR from Kehl to Freiburg. M/Y Emmendingen empty. 2 M/T mvg N into Emmendingen. M/Y S Freiburg 1/3 full, 1 loco working. Possible S/E a/c between hangers on E edge of A/D at Freiburg. NMS on RR from Freiburg to W-2823. Weather prevented observations from W-2823 Haslach. Smoke pot on SE edge of Gengenbach. Possible supply dumps north central edge of Gengenbach W-205795. 2 open M/T, STAT, fac NE at W-1580. 25-30 small bu ldings on hill at W-1780. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vert, possible supply dump, W-490890, 6000' 210° 1500 hrs. Vert, possible dump, W-205795, 6000' 150° 1445 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1425-1510. WEATHER: 10/10 deck, 4000' E half of area. 3-4/10 deck, 4000' W half of area. Vis 8 miles down-sun and 3 miles up-sun.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking route # 2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 560 PR/195, 265, 271, 151, 274, 131.

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1520-1720. To recce in area "A" & "C". OBSERVATIONS: A/D at Malmsheim appears serv., NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, Terrain, Q-4965 - Q-6155, 6000' 135° 1535 hrs. Vert. fuel & ammo dump, Q-543739, 6000' 55° 1540 hrs. (BDA). Vert, M/T & Supply, Q-949527, 6000' 205° 1545 hrs. (BDA). Vert, RR Q-972268, Q-989260, 3500' 110°-310° 1550 hrs. Oblique possible RR guns, R-1237 - R-0634, 3500' 80° 1555 hrs. Oblique Road tunnel, R-948228, 3500' 45° 1610 hrs. Oblique, Road tunnel, R-948228, 3500' 45° 1620 hrs. Oblique, Possible RR gun, R-0634 - R-1237 2500' 80° 1645 hrs. Oblique, Terrain, Q-4960 - Q-6355, 6000' 135° 1700 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1705. WEATHER: 6/10 at 4000'. Vis 5 miles in haze, Stuttgart area.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking area "A" & "C". (iii-vii)NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 561 TR/15/28/8

A. 2 F6C's from 1615-1815. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 6 B/C burning on train at R-1468. RR from Landau to R-0367 appears serv. Fires in town of Rodalben at Q-9372. RR from Kaiserslautern to Neustadt appears serv, NMS. RR Kaiserslautern to Grunstadt appears serv, NMS. RR from M-1007 to Pfeddersheim unobs. due to weather. M/Y Speyer 1/3 full, NMS, RR & HWY bdg at Speyer appears serv. M/Y Germersheim 3/4 full, NMS. M/Y Landau 1/3 full, 2 locos S/U STAT. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, train, R-1468 2500' 50° 1650 hrs (BDA). RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1635-1755. WEATHER: 8/10 base 3500', top 4500' in Worms area.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 562 TR/27/28/12

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6 C from 1610-1810. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Offenburg 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Lahr 10 B/C, 6 flats and 15 hospital cars, NMS. 3 M/T mvg S out of Hengingen. Factory destroyed and burning SW edge of Emmendingen. M/Y Freiburg almost empty, NMS. 5 B/C on siding at W-1730. 15 B/C at Haslach, NMS. 6 B/C in M/Y at Hansach, NMS. No other obs. due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, I-A-L at Emmendingen. PHOTOS: Vert, BDA, W-0947, 6000' 0° 1630 hrs. 2 obliques, BDA, W-0947, 2500' 90° at 1530 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1635-1750. WEATHER: 10/10 E half of area, deck 3000'. W half of area, CAVU.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C. (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 563 TR/4/28/4

A. 2 F6C's from 1605-1805. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 45 camouflaged objects, possibly M/T. Possible bldgs being shelled at Q-7839, area reported to have been CP at 1630. Shells landing at Q-8040 at 1639. Light scattered M/T all directions Bitche area. Led F/B to Q-880415 where a smoke shell was thrown, and they straffed about 30 enemy troops. Led F/B to dump at Q-895395, where they straffed boxes and objects appearing to be oil drums at 1710. Shells landing at possible CP at Q-901410 at 1645. 3 Amer M/T mvg N at Q-7835 at 1745. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Oblique, Supply dump, Q-895395, 4000' 185° 1700 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA. 1625-1745. WEATHER: CAVU, LIGHT HAZE.

B. 2 F6C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 480 rds. (iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1645A. To photo target: Block Q-5191 - Q-9772 - Q-9058 - Q-4580. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Q-5191 - Q-9772 - Q-9058 - Q-4580. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1530A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) FO5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Q-5191 - Q-9772 - Q-9058 - Q-4580. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3470 - (30)

A. 1 F-5E from 1455A to 1700A. To photo target: Block Q-5191 - Q-9772 - Q-9058 - Q-4580. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Q-5191 - Q-9772 - Q-9058 - Q-4580. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1615A. WEATHER: 3/10ths cloud coverage in area. Mission successful. (Everett E. Custis, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Q-5191 - Q-9772 - Q-9058 - Q-4580. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3473 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E from 1500A to 1700A. To photo target: RR/B L-542296, BDA Nonnweiler RR/B L-449120, M/Y Lebach Q-4090, Supply dump at Q-498833, BDA RR/B Q-417844, BDA Ammo Dump Q-5574, Ammo dump Q-689822, Homberg M/Y Q-7080, Supply and ammo dump at Q-701615, M/Y at L-8917, Supply dump BDA at R-327429. OBSERVATION: Large fire at Zimerbrucken. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: BDA RR/B Q-417844, Ammo Dump Q-689822, Homberg M/Y Q-7080, Supply and Ammo Dump at Q-701615, M/Y at L-8917, Supply dump BDA at R-327429. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530A to 1645A. WEATHER: Slight haze in area. Mission partially successful. (Robert G. VonTempsky, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/B L-542296, BDA Nonnweiler RR/B L-449120, M/Y Lebach Q-4090, Supply dump at Q-498833, BDA RR/B Q-417844, BDA Ammo Dump Q-5574, Ammo Dump Q-689822, Homberg M/Y Q-7080, Supply and Ammo Dump at Q-701615, M/Y at L-8917, Supply dump BDA at R-327429. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3476 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E from 1505A to 1705A. To photo target: Sinsheim R-8474, Odheim S-106712, Ammo Dump S-1575, Sashsenheim R-956397, Huchenfeld R-712289, Malmsheim R-868210, Boblingen R-928110, Echterdingen S-077105, Nellingen S-128144, Kircheim S-282028, M/Y at S-035770. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Sinsheim R-8474, Odheim S-106712, Sashsenheim R-956397, Echterdingen S-077105, Nellingen S-128144, M/Y at S-035770. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545A to 1615A. WEATHER: Moderate haze and 3/10th clouds. Mission partially successful. (James E. Lively, 1st Lt.) Cover - Mission successful. (Willard O. Davis, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Sinsheim R-8474, Odheim S-106712, Ammo Dump S-1575, Sashsenheim R-956397, Huchenfeld R-712289, Malmsheim R-868210, Boblingen R-928110, Echterdingen S-077105, Nellingen S-128144, Kircheim S-282028, M/Y at S-035770. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

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MISSION U.S. -- 34/3477 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E from 1500A to 1700A. To photo target: Dockentfronn M-798048, Motzingen M-766943, Hailfingen M-830942, Eutingen M-767882, M/Y Horb M-7284, Grosselfingen M-870703, Dormettingen M-766615, Rottweil M-6753, M/Y, M/Y Spaichingen M-7542. OBSERVATION: Pilot observed fires in Strassbourg and artillery flashes seen near Niederbronn. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Hailfingen M-830942, Eutingen M-767882, M/Y Horb M-7284. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1545A to 1630A. WEATHER: Low stratus in patches. Mission partially successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Dockentfronn M-798048, Motzingen M-766943, Hailfingen M-830942, Eutingen M-767882, M/Y Horb M-7284, Grosselfingen M-870703, Dormettingen M-766615, M/Y Rottweil M-6753, M/Y Spaichingen M-7542. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
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G. Nil
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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

S E C R E T

Oprep "A" No: 334 for 24 hours ending sunset
28 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3474 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1620 A. To Photo Target: M/Y at Alzey M-2727, Mannheim Bridge M-2215, RR/Bridge M-172098, RR/Bridge M-178016, RR/Tunnel R-199900, Tunnel R-202898, Tunnel R-130969, Speyer R-5279, Lachen/Speyerdorf R-3581, Kirrlach R-583727, RR/B Speyer R-521801, RR/B Mannheim R-523983, RR/B at Worms M-460169, RR/B Bad Munster, M-083351, RR/B Bad Munster M-075342, OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Speyer R-5279, Lachen/Speyerdorf M-3581, Kirrlach R-583727, Speyer R-521801, RR/B at Worms M-460169. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1540A. WEATHER: North of Kaiserlautern covered by 10/10ths clouds. Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: M/Y at Alzey M-2727, Mannheim Bridge M-2215, RR/Bridge M-172098, RR/Bridge M-178016, RR/Tunnel R-199900, Tunnel R-202898, Tunnel R-130969, Speyer R-5279, Lachen/Speyerdorf, R-3581, Kirrlach R-583727, RR/B Speyer R-521801, RR/B Mannheim R-523983, RR/B at Worms M-460169, RR/B Bad Munster, M-083351, RR/B Bad Munster M-075342. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 1 Hr. 35 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Fifth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 334 for 24 hours ending sunset
28 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ~~34~~/3471 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E from 1500A to 1630A. To photo target: Block Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530A to 1550A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze. Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Q-3086 to Q-6470 to Q-5758 to Q-3074. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 334 for 24 hours ending sunset
28 February 1945

MISSION U.S. — 34/3472 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E from 1455A to 1655A. To photo target: Block Q-6470 to Q-9357 to Q-8442 to Q-5858. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Block Q-6470 to Q-9357 to Q-8442 to Q-5858. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1540A to 1620A. WEATHER: Slight haze, CAVU. Mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Q-6470 to Q-9357 to Q-8442 to Q-5858. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (Vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 2 hrs.

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 334 for 24 hours ending sunset
28 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3475 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1450A to 1650A. To photo Target: Tunnel at R-214686, Germersheim Area - R-445702, and Germersheim RR/B , Bridge and Tunnel at R-179528, Supply and Dump at R-327429, Karlsruhe RR/B, Karlsruhe Area R-469472, Tank and Repairshop at R-431325, Tank and repair shop at R-429324, and Rastatt RR/B. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Tunnel at R-214686, Germersheim Area - R-445702, and Germersheim RR/B - R-473689, Bridge and Tunnel at R-179528, Supply Dump at R-327429, Karlsruhe RR/B at R-415486, Karlsruhe Area , R-469472, Tank and Repair shop at R-431325, Tank and repair shop at R-429324, and Rastatt RR/B, - RR/B at Speyer - WR-521801. Tunnel at R-214686. Lachen /Speyerdorf A/F - R-3581, Speyer A/F - R-5279. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1525A to 1625A. WEATHER: CAVU.
Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Tunnel at R-214686, Germersheim Area - R-4 5702, and Germersheim RR/B, Bridge and Tunnel at R-179528, Supply b Dump at R-327429, Karlsruhe RR/B, Karlsruhe Area Tank and Repair shop at R-431825, Tank and Repair shop at R-429324, and Rastatt RR/B. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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28 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3478 - (38)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1515A to 1715A. To photo Target: Freiburg Area - W-077348, RR/B at W-297880, RR/B at W-492215, Donau/Eschingen Area, Donau /Eschingen Area - North , Neuhausen / Obeck Area - Mengen Area - Schussenreid Area . OBSERVATIONS: Pilots noticed large fire at Emmendingen. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Freiburg Area - W-077348, Mengen Area - X-214403 RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1600A to 1620A. WEATHER: 8/10ths to 10/10ths strato cumulus in area- Targets not claimed - covered 10/10ths with stratus. Mission partially successful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt.,) Mission successful . (Lawton C. McClothlin,) Cover Pilot.

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: Freiburg Area - RR/B at W-297880, RR/B at W-492216, Donau/Eschingen Area, Donau/Eschingen Area - North, Neuhausen / Obeck Area - Mengen Area, Schussenreid area . (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. Enhrm. nil F. nil
D. nihn 2 hrs. G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/28/45 [redacted] C R E T

OPREP A No. 562 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 28 February 1945.

A. Three Beaufighters airborne during the period. One on intruder mission in the Frieberg, Ludwigshafen, Karlsruhe, Neusradt area east of the Rhine. Two on patrol in the Basle - Mulhouse area. First mission from 19:40 to 21:00. Arrived at intruder area 20:00 hrs. at angels 6.5, contacted GCI, lowered angels to 3. Patrolled area from Kaiserlauten to Homburg and south to Wissembourg. Received burst of heavy, moderate, inaccurate flak 20:10 hrs at Q-8866, angels 5. No observations made in this area because of solid overcast. Received another burst of heavy, moderate, inaccurate flak north of Kaiserlauten, 20:20 hrs at R-0493, angels 5. Nothing observed in this area. Turned to vector of 250 and developed a rough engine and high temperatures. Proceeded to base. Second mission from 23:25 to 00:10. Developed rough engine and very weak transmission before reaching patrol area. Returned to base. Nothing to report. Third mission from 00:45 to 04:05. Reached patrol area 15 miles west of Colmar at 01:10 hrs, angels 9. Patrolled all during period approx. 50 miles west of Basle on north and south vectors most of the time, angels 8.5 to 9.5. Nothing observed. Nothing to report. Left patrol area 03;30 and returned to base.

B. (i) Three Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(C) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Three

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 5:25

E. (i) 3000 x 20MM
18000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F Augspurger
HAROLD F AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO #374, U. S. ARMY,
28 February, 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Stat Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing (Stat Officer)

OPREP A. Number 6 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours, 27 February 1945.

No missions accomplished for the above period.

IRA F. OVER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
28 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 292.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 292 for 24 hours ending sunset 27 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Group Sq. 525th, 526th, 527th Date 27 Feb. 1945 Mission No. No Operations

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

No operations for this organization on 27 February 1945 due to inclement weather.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core
JESSE R. COHE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Proredure, and Brief Description of Results):

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
27 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 27 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP EC/5
APO 374 U.S. Army

1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 28 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 226 for the period ending Sunset 27 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O.16. To bomb ammo and gas dump and to perform A/R.

A. A.O.16. 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1445 hours to bomb ammunition and gas dump and to perform armed recce. A/C carried 36 x 500# AOK 8-11 sec. delay fusing. Followed route of base to Heidelberg to Baden-Baden to base. Time in target areas: 1510-1645 hours. 6 bombs were dropped on the M/Y at R-6878, where 30 cars, but no locos, were observed in the yard. There were 2 direct hits -- 1 M/Y attacked. Also strafed -- caused a large explosion and white smoke among cars, claim 2 cars destroyed. 6 bombs dropped on M/Y at R-6772, where 35 cars, but no locos, were seen in the yard. All bombs fell in the yard, left one large fire burning and clouds of black smoke -- 4 cars destroyed, 1 M/Y attacked. 6 bombs were dropped on the small M/Y at R-6669, where 30 cars were seen in the yard. There were 3 near misses -- 1 M/Y attacked. 6 bombs were dropped on the piles of case at R-4515 -- 2 houses in town destroyed. 3 bombs dropped on rails at R-4323 --1 rail cut. 3 bombs were dropped on M/Y at R-6342, where 20 cars were seen in the yard -- 2 cars destroyed, 1 M/Y attacked. 3 bombs were dropped on the town at R-4512 -- 1 house destroyed. 3 bombs dropped on electric train at R-5329 -- 3 near misses, 4 cars damaged. At R-4612, 8 horse-drawn vehicles were strafed, headed N -- 4 vehicles destroyed, 2 personnel killed. At R-4613, 3 locos, no steam, headed S., were strafed and damaged. At R-6791, 1 electric train, with 4-5 coaches, headed SE, was observed. Flak: moderate, light at R-6689; weak, heavy at R-0536. Losses: nil E/A: nil. Weather: 5/10, base 2,000 ft., tops 4,000 ft., visibility 6-8 miles. Down at base: 1708 hours.

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B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at R-6878.
M/Y at R-6772.
M/Y at R-6669.
Piles of cases at R-4515.
Rails at R-4323.
M/Y at R-6342.
Town at R-4512.
Electric train at R-5329.
Also strafed the following:-
8 horse-drawn vehicles at R-4612.
3 locos, headed S at R-4613.
1 electric train with 4-5 coaches at R-6791.
12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 30:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 6,750 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36 -500# GP bombs, fused-1113, 8-11 sec. delay.
(ii) 36 -500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
6 GPs on the M/Y at R-6878, where 30 cars observed.
6 GPs on M/Y at R-6772, where 35 cars were seen.
6 GPs on M/Y at R-6669, where 30 cars seen in yard.
6 GPs on piles of cases at R-4515.
3 GPs on rails at R-4323.
3 GPs on M/Y at R-6342, where 20 cars were seen.
3 GPs on town at R-4512.
3 GPs on electric train at R-5329.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 3

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 6
c) Damaged, 5.

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9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 3

11. Railroads cut, 1

13. M/T vehicles,
   a) Destroyed, 4

4. (2) Operational No.: A.C. 20. To perform Air Cooperation and armed recce.

A. 12 P-47 of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1430 hours to perform air cooperation and armed recce. (In addition thereto 1 a/c was dispatched on weather reconnaissance) A/C carried 36 x 500# GP bombs, 8 to 11 seconds. Followed route of base to Laverne to Landau to Gundelsheim (S-0377) to base. Time in target areas: 1510-1620 hours. 3 bombs were dropped on Jagsfeld at S-060718, where 1 loco and 20 cars, with steam up, pointing South, also wo boxcars on a siding, were observed in the M/Y -- 4 box cars damaged, 2 boxcars destroyed, 1 M/Y attacked. 21 bombs were dropped on the M/Y at Gundelsheim at S-3077, where 15 boxcars and 5 tank cars were observed. Three buildings received direct hits, setting off explosions and starting fires -- 3 buildings destroyed, 1 building damaged, 7 boxcars destroyed, 2 boxcars damaged, 1 M/Y attacked. 12 bombs were dropped on the RR tunnel at R-987827 and on work train in the North end -- 1 tunnel damaged and 2 cars destroyed. Strafing attacks and claims: at S-035772, 1 M/T, headed S, damaged; at S-033772, 3 light flak positions damaged; at S-025767, 1 light flak position damaged; at S-045767, fire started and 1 light flak position destroyed; at R-992828, 3 light flak positions damaged; at S-002840, 5 light flak positions damaged; at R-995720, 1 factory damaged; at S-0280, 1 power plant damaged. Along route, at Heilbronn M/Y, 60 boxcars and 1 loco, with steam up, headed S, were observed. Flak: meagre, light at S-025767, at S-045767, S-1172 (airfield), S-033772; S-992828. 2 P-47s damaged, both by flak, 1 A/C cat., 1, 1 A/C cat., 2, pilots safe. S/A: nil. Weather: 5/10 - 6/10 at 4-6000 ft., haze below clouds, visibility 4 to 6 miles. Down at base: 1710 hours.

B. (i) 13 P-47s dispatched (including 1 a/c on weather reconnaissance).
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Jagsfeld at S-060718, loco and 20 boxcars.
M/Y at Gundelsheim at S-3077, 15 boxcars and 5 tank cars.
RR tunnel at R-987827, and on work train.
Also strafed the following:-
1 M/T headed S, at S-035772.
3 light flak positions, at S-025767.
1 flak position at S-045767.
3 light positions at R-992828.
5 light flak positions at S-002840.
1 factory at R-995720.
1 power plant at S-0280.

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1 A/C completed weather reconnaissance.
13 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged, both by flak; 1 a/c cat 1 and 1 a/c cat 2.
(viii) 13

C. Nil

D. (i) 32:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 31,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 8,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36 - 500# GP bombs, fused- tail, M113, 8 to 11 seconds.
(ii) 36 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
3 GPs on Jagsfeld at 8-060718.
21 GPs on A/F at Grundelsheim at 8-3177.
12 GPs on RR tunnel at R-987837, on work train in north end.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 11
c) Damaged, 6

6. Flak installations,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 10

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 3

For the Group Commander:

Joseph Frazier
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION CANCELLED 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 27 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____

2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____

3. Weather : SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. - - - - WEATHER ENROUTE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdra (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Butt

Signature
JOSEPH B. BUTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 27 Feb 19 45 Mission No. No mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : Cancelled (Target Weather)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Corbin, Jr.
Signature

W. L. CORBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep A No. 134 for 24 hrs ending sunset 27 February 1945. SECRET.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374
US ARMY

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27 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 165 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 27 February 1945.

"NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE"

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 333 for 24 hoursending sunset
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USAAF
Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/27/45 S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 561 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 27 February 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to bad weather conditions.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army.
10 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 273.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 273 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0801 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Savides leading. 15 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. At W-024505 squadron dropped 6 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs on locomotive in M/Y with 20 cars loaded with lumber. 1 locomotive destroyed, 15 cars destroyed, 5 damaged, 1 railcut was made outside of M/Y. 6 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped at W-020540 scoring 2 railcuts. At V-982600, 2 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped destroying 3 buildings. At W-030609, 6 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped destroying 3 buildings and scoring 1 railcut. Inaccurate, light flak at W-022506, inaccurate light flak at W-025505. Time down A-96, 0931 hours. 2 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs jettisoned safely at V-1062.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0815 hours, 8 February 1945, Major Johnston leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. 20 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped on train with 10 cars heading South at W-0251. 2 direct hits damaged the locomotive and 10 cars. 3 near misses scored 2 railcuts. 2 x 500 Lb bombs jettisoned safely in lake at V-5823. 2 bombs returned home on aircraft which made forced belly landing at A-7897. Accurate, meager, light and heavy flak at W-0251. Time down A-96 0950 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0833 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Center leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. At Staufen, squadron strafed and destroyed 1 M/T, damaged 9 M/T's and damaged 1 armored vehicle. On way home flight asked permission to cross Rhine and drop bombs. 14 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped on railroad at W-0128, 1 railcut and 1 road block was scored at V-9926. 8 x 500 Lb Bombs were dropped on the M/Y at Mullheim. M/Y was damaged, 5 houses destroyed (believed to be control houses). 2 x 500 Lb bombs jettisoned safely, and accidentally, East of Rhine. Inaccurate light and heavy flak encountered at Staufen, W-0020. Inaccurate light flak encountered at W-0432. Time down A-96 1014 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0849 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Ginder leading. 7 P-47D's took off, 7 aircraft aborted due to weather. 7/10 tops at 1500 ft, ceiling 200 ft., vsby 3 miles. No flak encountered. 6 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs jettisoned at U-6517, 4 at U-5823. Time down A-96 0937 hours.

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A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1118 hours, 8 February 1945, Captain Herrick leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 16 aircraft completed mission. 24 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped on the town of Staufen, destroying 80 buildings. Squadron strafed and damaged 8 M/T's headed East at W-2518. Inaccurate, heavy flak in Colmar area East side of Rhine. Meager, accurate light flak from Staufen. Time down A-96 1255 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1051 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Hamilton leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. At W-025505, squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs destroying 8 box cars and scoring 2 railcuts. White objects seen to come out of box cars when bombs hit. At W-130698 squadron strafed and destroyed 9 vehicles. At W-041640, 2 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped scoring 1 railcut. At W-074713 6 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on 25 box cars, 8 of the cars were destroyed, 2 railcuts were scored. At W-021550, 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped destroying 3 buildings and scoring 1 railcut. There were 25 box cars at this point, but none was hit. 2 ME262's were observed N of Freiburg at 1130 hours, 15,000 ft., headed NNE but no contact was made. Inaccurate, meager, light flak at W-025505, W-074713, and W-021550. Time down A-96, 1242 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1129 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Cinder leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. At Staufen, 24 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped. Most bombs hit on West end of town. 1 large oil tank was hit and flames were seen 500 feet in the air. Several oil fires and large explosions resembling ammunition supplies. One-half of the town was completely destroyed. 50 buildings were destroyed and 30 buildings damaged. Squadron strafed and damaged 10 box cars without locomotive at P-212005. At W-198989 squadron strafed and destroyed 3 box cars and damaged 9. At W-189978 squadron strafed a locomotive with 15 box cars and 10 flat cars. The flat cars were loaded with 15 M/T's and 1 staff car. 1 locomotive was destroyed, 10 RR cars damaged, 1 staff car destroyed, 2 M/T's destroyed and 12 M/T's damaged. Inaccurate, heavy, moderate and light inaccurate flak East of Strassbourg. Time down A-96 1341 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1356 hours, 8 February 1945, Captain Hudson leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 4 aircraft aborted. 23 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs dropped on 20 box cars at W-001273, resulting in one railcut, 6 box cars destroyed, 8 box cars damaged. Strafing at W-015238 resulted in 4 trucks and one horse drawn vehicle destroyed and 4 trucks damaged. 40 to 50 vehicles were observed headed North and East from W-015238 on main and side roads. Intense light flak was encountered at W-001273 and V-9429, inaccurate meager heavy flak at V-9429. One bomb jettisoned safely at V-6529. Weather - Base to Vosges 5/10 at 3,000 ft., Vis.3 miles, Rhine area clear with visibility 15 miles. Time down at A-96 1536 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1425 hours, 8 February 1945, Captain Bass leading. 16 P-47D's took off. 23 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs dropped at Krozingen, W-972240, one railcut on RR W of Town, one railcut at W-976249, 10 buildings destroyed at W-970240, 4 vehicles destroyed, 16 damaged out of 20 sighted, one bomb failed to explode, 1 bomb dropped on small village at W975163, no results observed. Observed fires at Staufen, W-0020, one vehicle going SW at W-0332, 1 M/T going SE at W-1532, 1 bridge in vicinity of V-8917 partly destroyed. Intense light flak encountered at W-972240. Time down at A-96 1613 hours.

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A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1459 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Goode leading. 16 P-47D's took off. 23 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs dropped on B-444923 and B-460913 resulting in one railcut at B-444923 and one railcut at B-460913. One bomb hung and was later dropped on factory at B-475955 damaging same. 4 barges strafed and damaged at V-860130. Meager heavy flak at Freiburg and on RR South of Freiburg for 8 miles. one aircraft landed at Y-2. Time down at A-96 1712 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1622 hours, 8 February 1945, Major Personett leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 4 aircraft aborted. 8 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs and 12 x 4.5 Rockets were carried. 8 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped at Q-727724 resulting in 1 railcut, 4 cars destroyed and 6 damaged, one RR shop destroyed, 2 warehouses destroyed. Strafing and 6 x 4.5 Rockets at Q990986 damaged one locomotive headed South and moving at 1715 hours. Strafing and 6 x 4.5 Rockets destroyed two light flak positions at Q-995995. Meager heavy and intense light flak encountered at Q-7372, Intense light at Q-9998, meager light at Q-995995. Time down at A-96 1757 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Armed Recce mission from A-96 at 1646 hours, 8 February 1945, Lt. Hutchinson leading. 16 P-47D's took off, one aircraft aborted. Recced all roads around Offenberg as far North as Achern, no activity sighted. Recced RR bridge at W-149848, bridge was not damaged. Intense heavy flak encountered in vicinity of R-130060. Time down A-96 1747 hours.

Dive Bomb

B. 1. 165
2. 148 completed mission
3. 17
   10 -A- Weather
   4 -C- Rough Engine
   1 -C- Landing gear malfunction
   1 -C- Radio out
   1 -C- Oil leak
4. and 5. None
6. 1 A/C bellied in at Z-7897, Loss of power.
7. 2 CAT I
   1 CAT II
8. 150 sorties

C. 1. 42 x 75 gal
2. 21 jettisoned

D. 1. 294:00 x P-47D
2. None

E. 1. 313,500
2. 16,873
3. None

F. 1. 224 x 500 Lb G.P. Normal fusing
   8 x 500 Lb G.P. 8 - 11 Seconds delay
   12 x 4.5 Rockets
2. 205 x 500 Lb G.P. Normal fusing
   8 x 500 Lb G.P. 8 - 11 Seconds delay
   12 x 4.5 Rockets

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3. 17 jettisoned

4. 2 returned

G. and H. None

I. Claims
1 loco dest, 15 RR cars dest, 5 RR cars dam, 1 rail at W-024505
2 railcuts at U-020540
3 buildings dest, at V-982600
3 buildings dest, 1 railcut at W-030609
1 loco dam, 10 cars dam, 2 railcuts at W0251
1 M/T dest, 9 M/T's dam, 1 armored vehicle dam at Staufen
1 railcut and 1 road block at V-9926
1 M/Y dam and 5 houses dest at Mullheim
80 buildings dest at Staufen
8 M/T's dam at W-2518
8 box cars and 2 railcuts at W-025505
9 vehicles dest at W-180698
1 rail cut at W-041640
8 box cars dest at W-074713 and 2 railcuts at W-074713
3 buildings dest, 1 railcut at W-021550
1 oil tank dest, 50 buildings dest, 30 dam, at Staufen
10 box cars and 1 loco dam at W-212005
3 box cars dest, 9 dam at U-198989
1 loco dest, 10 RR cars dam, 1 staff car dest, 2 M/T's dest, 12 M/T's dam at W-189978
1 railcut, 6 box cars dest, 8 box cars dam at W-001273
4 trucks and 1 horse drawn vehicle dest at W-015238
4 trucks dam at U-015238
1 railcut at W-972240
1 railcut at W-976249
10 buildings dest, 4 vehicles dest, 16 dam at W-970240
1 vehicle dest at U-0332
1 M/T dest at U-1532
1 bridge partly dest at U-8917
1 railcut at B-444923
1 railcut at B-460913
1 factory dam at B-475955
4 barges dam at V-860130
4 cars dest, 6 dam, 1 railcut, 1 RR shop dest, 2 warehouses dest at Q-727724
1 loco dam at Q-990986
2 flak towers at Q-995995

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 8 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2640

12 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0740 down at 1040, target, town of Souffheheim at R-165255. T.O.T. 0845, bomb run to 2000', 3 hits S. of town, 24 bombs & 2 rockets in town, no results observed. 1 A/C returned early, fired 6 rockets into town of Walbourg at R-0432, results unobserved. 3 A/C strafed train at R-282648, 4 rockets missed train, results unobserved. 4 rockets fired into town of Wissembourg, results unobserved. Flight could not land here due to weather, landed at Buffalo. Intense inaccurate LAA at target, scant inaccurate HAA at Bischwiller & R-180222. Weather 7/10ths, 5000' - 6000'. Lt. Monti bellied in on friendly field & is safe, no information on 2 x 500 lb GP & 6 rockets. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 5 x 100 lb Phos., 16 rockets.

Mission 2641

11 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0750 down at 1000, target M/Y at Germersheim. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 2000', 25 hits in M/Y, destroying 1 loco & 4 boxcars, 4 hits in town, 1 hit in building E. of M/Y causing explosion & destroying building. Flight strafed train at R-4588, damaged loco & 10 boxcars. Strafed M/Y at 4588, damaged 12 boxcars. Flight returned to Germersheim & strafed, damaged 2 locos & 10 box cars. Flight landed at strip A-90. Intense LAA & moderate HAA at target. Weather 5/10ths 4000' to 4500' in target area. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #1 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at R-4117. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2642

11 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on bomber escort mission up at 1425 down at 1630. Rendezvous with bombers at 1500. Target, Rastatt M/Y. T.O.T. 1530, no incident. Scant HAA at R-340235. Weather, base to target 4/10ths to 6/10ths 3000' to 6000', Rhine Valley 2/10ths to 4/10ths 15,000'.

Mission 2643

6 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on bomber escort mission up at 1425 down at 1635. Rendezvous at 1457. Target Fruezenstadt RR Viaduct at W-527863 & Offenburg M/Y. T.O.T. 1610. No incident. Scant HAA from Offenburg. Weather, 10/10ths base 15,000' east of Rhine Valley. Vosges Mts. 8/10ths top 8000'.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 8 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	23	
	(ii)	22	
	(iii)c.	1	
	(vii)	1 Flak, Cat. #1	
		1 Bellied in, Cat. Unk.	
	(viii)	22	
Note 5 D	(i)	56:20	
Note 6 E	(i)	46,000	
	(ii)	3,380	
Note 7 F	(i)	46 x 500 lb GP	
		16 x 100 lb Phos	
		24 Rockets	
	(ii)	42 x 500 lb GP	
		15 x 100 lb Phos.	
		16 Rockets	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		1 x 100 lb Phos.	
	(iv)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		6 Rockets	
		(Returned 2 rockets to base)	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
RR Locos	1	3
RR Cars	4	32
Buildings	1	

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	17
	(ii)	17
	(viii)	17
Note 5 D	(i)	36:10
Note 6 E	(i)	34,000

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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9 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 207 for the period ending Sunset 8 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16 and 18. Dive-bomb a bridge.

A. A.O.15 11 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0740 to dive-bomb RR bridge at W-251244. 5 a/c carried 2 x 1000# SAP bombs and 6 a/c carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs. Route flown was base to target to base. T.O.T. was 0815-0850. The following observations were made: anti-tank ditches lining canal on the E running from V-932530 to V-956555; personnel trench encircling town at V-905530; 1 loco with 15 cars headed south and stationary at V-9247; 2 locos with steam up facing south (trains not composed) and 100 plus cars in M/Y at Offenburg; 1 loco headed south at W-1998; 1 loco steaming up at W-0571. All bombs on PT - 1 direct hit on bridge with SAP although no damage observed; 2 hits on rails on W side cut rail; 5 near misses on N side of center part of bridge but no damage noted; 1 hit on building on E side destroyed it; 2 near misses on W side of bridge; 5 hits on rails on E end made 2 rail cuts; 6 hits on tunnel at E end of bridge (tunnel, about 100 yds long) damaged it and debris was noted at tunnel's entrance. Flak: scant light at W-2724 and scant heavy at W-0833. No losses. No E/A. Weather: large hole to the north of target 4 to 5/10 cloud with base at 5,000 to 6,000 and visibility good. Down 0940.

A.O.16 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0755 to bomb RR bridge. 7 a/c carried 2 x 1000# SAPs and 5 a/c carried 2 x 1000 GPs. 2 SAPs were jettisoned at W-2000 because of rough engine. Route flown was base to B-2988 to W-7921 to Triberg to base. Time over target, 0844 - 0930 hours.

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Briefed target was not attacked because of adverse weather conditions. 2 GPs were dropped on trucks at W-1040; both missed. 10 GPs and 2 SAPs were dropped on loco and five cars heading east at W-4847; five failed to explode, three were near misses; claims are one rail cut, one loco destroyed, two cars destroyed (on fire), and three cars damaged. 2 GPs and 6 SAPs dropped on loco with 20 - 30 coaches headed north with steam up at W-3948; two direct hits and four near misses; claims are two rail cuts, two coaches destroyed. The loco and 10 coaches were damaged by strafing. Strafed loco and 30 cars in M/Y at Villingen (W-5440), headed east; one loco destroyed (seen to blow up) and ten cars damaged. Observations along route; loco and 15 cars headed northwest at W-2027; 12 trucks moving southeast at a point northeast of Neuf Briesach; and town of Kenzungen being shelled. Flak: weak light at W-3948, and moderate heavy and intense at V-9009. No E/A. No losses. Weather:10/10ths with base 5000 ft, tops 6000 ft, and ground fog below; visibility below fog less than a mile, above, unlimited. Down at base, 1005 hours.

A.O.18 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1140 hours to dive bomb RR bridge at W-251244. 6 a/c carried 2 x 1000# GPs, 5 a/c carried 2 x 1000# SAPs, and the other carried 2 x 500# GPs. Route flown was base to target to base. Time over target, 1225-1315 hours. Only observations made along route was a train loaded with vehicles being attacked between Buhl and Offenburg by "Starry Eye". All bombs were dropped on the primary target, RR bridge at W-251244; 2 bombs went under bridge at west end (no damage); 2 cut tracks at east end; 2 were near misses on center of bridge; 1 hit 20 feet from west end of bridge, cutting tracks; 1 made a second cut at west end; 2 hit on road east of bridge, causing road block; and the remaining 12 were near misses in the target area. Flak: scant light at W-2524. No E/A encountered. 1 A/C damaged by flak, category 1. Weather, CAVU. Down at base, 1410 hours.

B. (i) 35 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at W-251244.
1 A/C dropped bombs on trucks at W-1040.
6 A/C dropped bombs on loco and 5 cars heading E at W-4847.
4 A/C dropped bombs on loco with 20 cars, at W-3948.
12 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at W-251244.
35 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1.
(viii) 35

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 84:45
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 84,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 10,460 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 38 - 1000# GPs, fused- nose, M103; tail M102A2.
30 - 1000# SAPs, fused- nose, M103; tail M102A2.
2 - 500# GPs, fused-nose, M103; tail M102A2.
(ii) 38 GPs, 28 SAPs (1000# each) and 2 - 500# GPs expended as follows;-
22 bombs on PT, bridge (RR) at W-251244.
12 bombs on loco and 5 cars heading east at W-4847.
8 bombs on loco and 20-30 coaches headed E at W-3948.
2 bombs on trucks at W-1040.
24 bombs on PT, RR bridge at W-251244.
(iii) 2 - 1000# SAPs were jettisoned at W-2000, because of rough engine.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil.

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 2
c) Damaged, 37

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1

10. Roads cut, 1

11. Railroads cut, 9

17. Other claims, tunnel damaged, 1

4. (2). Operation No.A.O. 17, 19 and 20. Dive-bomb bridge and conduct Armed Reconnaissance.

A. A.O.17 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0810 hours to dive-bomb RR bridge at Freudenstadt (W-527863) and conduct A/R. 4 A/C carried 2 x 1000# GPs and 8 A/C carried 2 x 1000# SAPs. Route flown was base to target to base. Time over target, 0900 - 0915 hours. All bombs were dropped on primary target, RR bridge at W-527863; 2 near misses about 10 feet from pillar in middle of bridge; 6 near misses damaged bridge; and numerous other near misses on east side are believed to have sprung the bridge. One RR cut was made 30 feet from west end of bridge. Road at W-5185. A light flak gun located on west side of the bridge was strafed; no claim is made as to des-

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truction, but gun ceased firing after the attack. Recce was not conducted, as Baggage ordered flights to return to base. The M/Y at Freudenstadt was observed half full. Also observed three locos with steam up, facing south, at W-1999; squadron did not see these locos on return. Flak: scant light at target; scant heavy at W-0597. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: en route, 6 - 8/10ths cloud, base 1000 ft, tops 2500 ft, visibility 6 - 8 miles; over target, fair, with little haze. Down, 1013 hours.

A.C.19 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 1130 to bomb bridge at B-296880 and conduct A/R. 4 a/c carried 2 x 1,000 lb GPs and 8 carried 2 x 1000 lb SAP bombs. Route flown was base to target to Loffingen to Freudenstadt to base. T.O.T. was 1200-1305. Flew over alternate targets, but from altitude of 10,000 ft, could not see any damage done to them. Observed 2 trains of loco and 15 box cars each, with one heading north and 1 heading south, at R-2218. 10 to 12 barges were observed parked on the east side of the Rhine in the area of V-8712. 8 GPs and 16 SAPs were dropped in PT area at B-296880. 10 direct hits on the bridge and embankment, 10 near misses, and 4 misses. The western abutment was half blown out by 2 direct hits, a large crater some 12 ft deep and 20 ft wide was made in the center of the bridge, and the tracks for 100 yards east of the bridge were torn up and twisted. 1 large green fire was observed 1/2 mile N of the bridge and another large fire, which looked like a gas fire, was seen on the S side of the tracks at the eastern end of the town. 1 large shed along the N side of the E end of the bridge was destroyed. 4 RR cuts were made, 2 on the E end of the bridge and 2 on the W end. Flak: intense light and heavy flak at B-2882 near the Swiss border, and moderate heavy from V-9516 and V-8712. Approximately 30 Me-109's (25 G's and 5 K's) and 2 Me-262s all with belly tanks, whcih they jettisoned, and painted light blue with black spinners, followed the squadron from 30 miles E of Offenburg, where the squadron broke into them at 11,000 ft at 1255 hours. E/A were not aggressive, but the pilots showed considerable skill in aerial acrobatics although no special evasive tactis were used. From this encounter the squadron claims 5 Me-109s destroyed. Weather: Over target area CAVU; S of target area in Switzerland 8/10 with base at 4000 tops 6,000; a definite break over the target area and on recce route with a haze layer turning into clouds at 15,000 ft at Offenburg. Down 1334.

A.C.20 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1137 to dive bomb rail bridge at W-527863 and conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to target to Stuttgart to Heilbronn to Pforzheim to Offenburg to base. T.O.T. was 1235-1250. The squadron bombed the PT and started on their recce. About half way through the recce bandits were called in, in the vicinity of Offenburg. Squadron then left recce area to locate the bandits. No visual recce was made of the bombing done by this squadron on first mission due to the intense flak. 19 GPs were dropped on the PT; 1 very near miss under the center of the bridge blew up some brick dust, and numerous other near misses were seen; 1 RR cut was made on the E side of the bridge about 25 ft short of it.

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2 GPs dropped on bridge at W-535865 by mistake - near misses, but no claims made. 2 GPs which had hung up over target dropped in vicinity of the target - NRO. 1 hung bomb dropped in vicinity of Offenburg; NRO. The following claims are made as a result of strafing attacks; 2 MTs moving NE at W-6329 destroyed, and 3 HD vehicles facing E at R-7735 damaged. Flak: scant heavy and intense light at target, W-527863. No losses. 1 Me 109 was seen coming out of the overcast headed due E in the vicinity of Offenburg where a dog fight had been taking place; squadron did not pursue it. Weather: 4/10 clouds with base at 14,000 and tops 15,000 - visibility 5-10 miles in a light haze. Down 1400.

B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on PT, RR bridge at W-527863.
12 A/C dropped bombs on PT, area, bridge at B-296880.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the PT, rail bridge, at W-527863.
36 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 88:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 15,220 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 40 - 1000# GP bombs, fused-nose M103; tail M102A2.
32 - 1000# SAP bombs, fued - nose M103 tail M102A2, M114.
(ii) 40 - 1000# GPs and 32 - 1000# SAP bombs expended as follows:-
24 on PT, RR bridge at W-527863.
24 on PT area at B-296880, bridge.
24 on the PT area, rail bridge, at W-527863.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. (i) 5 E/A (Me-109s) destroyed, in the Air; by-
2 Me-109s by 1st Lt Donald O. Sherer,O-732374, 366th Sq.,
1 Me-109 by Maj. Louis L. Wilson Jr,O-25623, 366th Sq.,
1 Me-109 by 1st Lt Allan Gilbert,O-803967, 366th Sq.,
1 Me-109 by Capt Thomas M. Hergert, O-399612, , 366th Sq.,
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

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I. 1.Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 2

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
c) Damaged, 1

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1

11. Railroads cut, 6

12. Roads cut, 1

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
c) Damaged, 3

Other results not observed, due to the intense flak.

4. (3). Operation No. A.C. 23 and 24. Close cooperation.

A. A.O.23 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1527 to go on cooperation with Baggage. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000# GPs. Route flown was base to Freiburg to Offenburg to target to base. Squadron contacted Baggage who told them to bomb M/Y at Zweibrucken, however, Squadron was unable to do so due to heavy cloud coverage in that area so they bombed the M/Y at M-0872 which was about 3/4 full with some 100 box and tank cars. 20 GPs on M/Y at M-0872: numerous hits destroyed 21 cars; Direct hits among tank cars caused an explosion; Stray bombs started a fire NW corner of the small town along side of M/Y; 1 bldg was damaged by direct hit in M/Y. 30 plus cars were damaged by strafing. M/Y was damaged. 2 GPs hung up over target were dropped on M-0968 - NRO. 2 GPs on loco at M-2333, facing N - no claim. Flak: intense heavy at Rastatt; moderate heavy at M-2014; intense light at M-2014; moderate light at M-0872. Losses; 1 a/c Cat 2 - nosed up on landing. No e/a.Weather: 4/10 with base at 2500, tops 4,000, visibility 10 miles. Down 1730.

A.O.24 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1515 on cooperation with Baggage. 11 a/c carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs and 1 carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Freiburg to Dinglingen to base. T.O.T. was 1540-1640. The following observations were made: scattered M/T parked along roads and in woods painted white in area NW of Freiburg. Squadron contacted Baggage who assigned squadron a rail recce of Freiburg-Offenburg RR line. 20 GPs dropped on 30-40 box cars in M/Y at Dinglingen - all were in the target area: M/Y damaged, 5 bldgs destroyed,

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11 box cars destroyed and 6 damaged. 6 GPs on 40 box cars in M/Y at Gp. Gazenheim, V-9939: M/Y damaged, 2 buildings destroyed. 6 GPs on factory and RR track at V-9942; factory damaged, 2 buildings destroyed, and 2 hits among 15 M/T on ramp leading to factory building destroyed 6, and 9 were damaged by the bombs and strafing. 3 bombs on 3 M/T at W-0330 headed E toward Freiburg - NRO. The following claims are made from strafing: 6 camouflaged barracks buildings damaged at W-0345; 3 heavy guns at V-9335, 1 damaged; 5 M/T parked facing W at W-0141,1 destroyed and 3 damaged; 3 light guns damaged at W-9942; 4 M/T facing E stationary at W-0545, 3 destroyed and 1 damaged; 1 H/D cart destroyed at Heisenheim, W-0379; 1 M/T destroyed at Ottenheim, W-0276. Flak: scant heavy at V-9519; intense light and scant heavy at V-9010; intense light and heavy at V-9535; and intense light at Dinlingen M/Y. No losses. No e/a. Weather: 4/10 with base at 5,000, tops 6,000 and visibility good. Down 1720.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at W-0872.
1 A/C dropped bombs on W-0968.
1 A/C dropped bombs on loco at R-2333.
7 A/C dropped bombs on 30-40 box cars in M/Y at Dinglingen.
2 A/C dropped bombs in M/Y at Gp. Gazenheim, V-9939.
2 A/C dropped bombs on factory and RR track at V-9942.
1 A/C dropped bombs on 3 M/T at W-0330.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged, cat. 2 - nosed up on landing.
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 50:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 15,190 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 1000# GP bombs, fused -nose M103; tail M102A2.
35 x 500# GP bombs, fused -nose nil; tail M113.
(ii) 24 x 1000# GPs and 35 x 500# GPs expended as follows;-
20 - 1000# GPs on M/Y at W-0872.
2 - 1000# GPs on W-0968.
2 - 1000# GPs on loco at R-2333.
20 - 500# GPs on 30-40 box cars in M/Y at Dinglingen.
6 - 500# GPs on 40 box cars in M/Y at Gp. Gazenheim, V-9939.
6 - 500# GPs on factory and RR track at V-9942.
3 - 500# GPs on 3 M/T at W-0330.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 14

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 32
c) Damaged, 36

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 4

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 7

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 1

14. M/T, attacked,
c) Damaged, 2

4. (4). Operation No. A.C. 22. Recce a bridge.

A. 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 1505 to contact Baggage and recce a bridge. 4 a/c carried 2 x 1000# GP and 8 a/c 2 x 1000# SAP bombs. Route flown was base to R-2751 to base. TOT. was 1545-1615. No observations. Contacted Baggage, who directed squadron to go to R-2751, where they were to contact Brustus Right, a P-51, who would assign a target. All bombs were dropped on assigned loco and 30 flat cars loaded with M/T. Engine had steam up. 4 bombs hit tracks, cutting 2 sets of tracks at 2 points. Station was destroyed by direct hit. Cars were strafed and 4 to 5 left burning. About 20 M/T on the cars, and of these, 4 were destroyed and 5 damaged. 4-5 flat cars were destroyed. 5 flak positions were strafed and silenced at same point. Flak: intense light at R-2751 and weak heavy at R-2549. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 5/10 with base at 4,000, tops 5,000 and visibility 15 miles. Down 1650.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on loco and 30 flat cars loaded with M/T, at R-2751.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 24:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 3,638 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 8 - 1000# GP bombs, fused-nose M103; tail M102A2.
16 - 1000#SAP bombs, fused-tail, M114.
(ii) 8 - 1000# GPs and 16-1000# SAP bombs dropped on loco and 30 flat cars loaded with M/T. R-2751.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 5

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 5

9. Buildings (Railroad station),
a) Destroyed, 1

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 5

11. Railroads cut, 4

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

9 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

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Oprep A No. 175 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. 11 P-47's A/C of the 371st Fighter Gp. (404th Sq. 4 A/C, 405th Sq. 3 A/C, 406th Sq., 4 A/C), led by Lt. Col. Wright took off at 1319 to escort B-26's to Loffingen RR Bridge. R/V with 27 B-26's over Luneville at 1404 at 10,000'. 2 boxes bombed Loffingen rail bridge from 12-13,000'. Excellent pattern bombing observed but do not believe bridge destroyed. 1 box bombed railroad going E into Lahr, (May have been supplies or barracks). Bombing excellent. Left bombers 12 miles W of Strasbourg on return. Flak moderate, accurate, heavy at Lahr, intense, accurate, heavy at Freiburg. Observed 2 unidentified A/C (not from our formation) going down in flames over Freiburg at 1420. 1 chute seen. Weather 2/10 with base 14,000' in target area. T.O.T. 1435-1445, T.D. 1539.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b) and (d) NIL, (c) 1-Super Charger-Clamp came off air duct rendering it inoperative.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. (i) 6 - 75 and 5 - 150 gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 6 - 75 and 4 - 150 " " "

D. (i) 22:25 hours,
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 25,580 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

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Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Harrison, took off from A-90 at 1330 to escort B-26's. Sq. R/V with bombers over Luneville at 10,000' and then escorted bombers to target at 12-14,000'. Sq. observed excellent concentration of bombs on target then left bombers on return at Luneville. Flak was moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Offenburg. Weather was 10/10 with base 15,000' at target with 10 miles vis. T.O.T. 1450-1520. After completion of mission Sq. landed at y-1, T.D. was at 1600.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL; (c) 1-Radio Failure-jack was not in.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 27:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. NIL

Oprep A No. 177 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 0809 to D/B RR Bridge at W-149849, recce route 9. Sq. arrived over target at 0845 and dropped 43 x 500 on railroad bridge at W-149849 with 4 direct hits and 27 near misses, bridge destroyed, 2 rail cuts on E approach to bridge. 3 x 500 on small rail bridge due E at W-152849, all direct hits, destroying bridge and damaging light flak position at SW corner and also damaging a small building near by. 1 x 500 fell off in town of Offenburg. 1 x 500 hung and jettisoned armed at W-145770. 1 loco strafed and damaged at W-169901, 1 loco and 10 boxcars strafed at W-205781, 1 loco dam., 1 white staff car strafed and dest at W-124839. Strafed M/Y at Offenburg damaging 3 locos and 15 boxcars. Flak moderate, inaccurate, light at W-138855, moderate, inaccurate, light at W-155830. Weather CAVU at target, enroute 3/10 from 300' vis. good. T.O.T. 0845-0915, T.D. 1006.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 16 "

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B. (iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47D Cat "E" (Belly landed, lack of fuel due to weather
(viii) 16

C. NIL

D. (i) 32:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 50,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 9,160 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A1 tail.
(ii) 46 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil.

G. and H. NIL

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1.	(A) 1,	9.	(C) 1
3.	(C) 5	9.	(A) 1
4.	(C) 15	11.	(A) 2
5.	(A) 2	14.	--- 1
6.	(C) 1		

Oprep A No. 178 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1255 to D/5 rail bridge at W-149849. Sq. was contacted by "Baggage" and sent to attack tanks and M/T at Staufen (V-9920). 36 x 500 dropped on town with 32 bombs in town and 4 misses, NRO due to battle smoke which covered town. Sq. strafed supplies in boxes at end of RR at W-0417, and smoke was observed after strafing. 3 tanks strafed and damaged at V-9319, 1 M/T strafed and dest. at V-9826, 2 M/T strafed and dest at V-9627, 6 M/T dest. by strafing at V-9423. Strafed and damaged the following: 4 M/T at V-9826, 4 M/T at V-9423, 2 M/T at V-9622, 1 M/T at V-0218, 1 M/T at V-9723, 1 horse drawn vehical at V-9423 - horse killed, and 6 flak positions at V-9628. Flak was intense, accurate light along road V-0113 to Freiburg and Scant, accurate, heavy at V-9920. Weather enroute was 7/10 with thin layers at 4-5,500' and 8/10 at 15,000' over target. T.O.T. 1325, T.D. 1440.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 3 P-47's Cat "AC" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. NIL

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D. (i) 21:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 6,600 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 28x500 RDX inst., 4x500 G.P. inst., 4x500 8-11 sec delay.
(ii) 28x500 " " 4x500 " " 4x500 " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 9 6. (C) 6
(C) 12 13. (C) 6
2. (C) 3

Oprep A No. 179 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 0742 on a close support mission with "Allsquare". Sq. contacted "Allsquare" who sent Sq. to Railway gun at V-990405, tracks clear - no guns seen. 10 x 500 on RR junction at W-025505, 2 direct hits on loco; 1 loco dest., 3 rail cuts. 4 x 500 on tracks at W-021555, 2 rail cuts; 4 x 500 on 1 loco and 20 boxcars stationary facing S at W-021585, 1 rail cut, 1 loco damaged by strafing. 4 x 500 on tracks at W-035625 - no hits. Flak, intense, accurate light at V-9941; intense accurate light at V-9939. Weather CAVU. T.O.T. 0830, T.D. 0910.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL (c) 1-Landing gear would not retract.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 19:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,705 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

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(C) 1

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Mission or Operation No. 52 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Harrison, took off at 0750 on a close support mission with "Allsquare". Sq. contacted "Allsquare" who sent Sq. to recce Rhine S of Brisach and look for bridges. 24 x 500 dropped on R.R. bridge at V-858128. 1 x 500 hit on E approach, 1 x 500 hit on W approach cutting rails. 1 x 500 direct hit which collapsed span on E end, 1 bridge destroyed. Sq. observed 2 M/T going SW on road in forest at V-8010. Flak was intense, inaccurate, light and scant inaccurate heavy at V-8613, scant accurate, light at V-8816 and scant, inaccurate, heavy at Basel. Weather was 10/10 with base at 14,000' vis. excellent. T.O.T. 0810-0840, T.D. 0925.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak)
(viii) 12

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 21:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 26,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,100 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (A) 1
11. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 181 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 53 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Augartin, took off at 1425 on a close support mission with "Allsquar". "Allsquare" directed Sq. to attack fort at V-886362. 22 x 500 dropped with 7 hits on fort, with 3 near misses S of target. 12 x 500 fell in town of Brisach. Sq. strafed and damaged 8 - 10 boxcars in 3 groups between W-081730 and W-095759. Flak nil. Observed 3 RR cars with canvas covers on tracks at W-1184 in schatterwald. Weather, 3/10 at 7,000', 6/10 at 15,000' with vis. excellent. Sq. arrived over targer 1450, T.D. 1600.

B. (i) 8 P-47's
(ii) 8 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 8

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C. NIL

D. (i) 15:30 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 20,160 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,377 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16x500 RDX Instant. 6 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 16 x 500 " " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 182 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 54 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq. led by Lt. Col Bacon, took off at 1641 on a close support mission with "Allaquere". Sq. being unable to contact "Allaquare" Sq. then contacted Baggage who assigned RR bridge at R-3528. 18 x 500 dropped on bridge. 1 railcut on S approach. 6 bombs hit in Rastatt dest. a warehouse which blew up with a large explosion. 2 x 500 dropped on loco and 20 boxcars facing N at Buhl. (R-2810), 1 loco damaged and 2 boxcars dest. 2 small villiages where strafed at R-2810, NRC. Intense accurate, light flak encountered at R-3528. Weather was 10/10 at 12,000' with good vis. T.O.T. 1715, T.D. 1804.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 2 P-47's Cat "AC" (Flak).
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 16:35 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 11,000 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 20 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 20 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 183 for 24 hours ending Sunset 8 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 56 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Jackson, took off at 1610 to D/B RR Bridge at W-149849 and then to recce area 9. Sq. contacted "Baggage". 27 x 500 dropped on bridge at Offenburg (W-149849) with 2 directs and 23 near misses, damaging E approach and bridge. 3 buildings destroyed in Offenburg by 2 hits. Sq. also damaged 4 light flak positions in vacant lot in Offenburg at W-152858. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at Offenburg. Weather was 8/10 at 15,000' with Haze over target area. T.O.T. 1635, T.D. 1729.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 "A" (Flak).
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 18:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,000 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 27 x 500 RDX instant.
(ii) 27 x 500 " "
(iii) to (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (C) 1
6. (C) 4
9. (A) 3

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K Long
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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 37 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 8 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 559

1. No. Off 25 - B26 Time Up 1343 Time Down 24-1640 Total Hours 95:35
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 16-20 P47's.
3. Weather: 3/10 Sc - ESTIMATED BASES 3,000' - TOPS 5,000' - SAME CLOUDS AT 15,000'.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(left engine cutting out).	NONE	- - - - - -

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RAIL BRIDGE (R-351287), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	RAIL BRIDGE-GSGS 4416, R 351287, SHEET X-2-CENTER OF BRIDGE.	FORBACH, GERMANY.	1527	24	12,600'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights in BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMBING RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 325 degrees with right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 201 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
60SEC.	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 31.25%

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Three flights hit short and one flight had good concentration on bridge with possible direct hits scored. - - - Photos were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 NOSE - NON-DELAY TAIL	100	96	--	--	--	NONE	4(ENG).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8 Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	33,950	NONE

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
HEAVY	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	--------

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ----------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 NOSE - NON&DELAY TAIL	100	96	- -	- -	- -	NONE	4(ENG).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - - -	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	33,950	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
HEAVY	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 95 MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 8 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 560

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1402 Time Down 24-1708 Total Hours 99:05

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 12-14 P47's.

3. Weather: 3/10 Sc - ESTIMATED BASES 3,000'. - TOPS 5,000'. - SAME CLOUDS AT 15,000'.

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	AIR SPARES

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
6 - B26	ACCIDENTAL RELEASE BY FLIGHT LEADER CAUSED 6 A/C TO DROP IN OPEN FIELD.
1 - B26	BOMBARDIERS' ERROR.

5. Target: (1) FREUDENSTADT RAIL VIADUCT (W-527863), GERMANY. (2) HORNBERG RAIL BRIDGE (W-368573), GERMANY.
(3) APPENWEIR RR FACILITIES (W) W-175943, GERMANY. (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(2)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(3)	RR FACILITIES	FORBACH, GERMANY.	1602	17	12,000'
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 4 Flights in BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMBING RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axes of 325 degrees with right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 199

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	60 SEC.	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NON GIVEN.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Good concentration on RR with probable cuts. Direct hits scored on locomotive depot. - - - Photos were taken.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	- -	- -	68	- -	NONE	8(SPARES).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000# GP	24	ACCIDENTAL RELEASE BY FLIGHT LDR. CAUSED 6 A/C to SALVO IN FIELD.	NEAR TEUFFEN, GERMANY.
1000# GP	4	BOMBARDIERS' ERROR.	TOWN OF DURRENMETTSTETTEN, GERMAN

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	35,200	100

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
HEAVY	INACCURATE	SCANT	APPENWEIM AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 442nd 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 8 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 478

1. No. A/C 29 B-26's Time Up 13:10 Time Down 15:48 Total Hours 86:15

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 2/10ths Low clouds tops 6,000 feet base estimated 3,000 to 4,000 feet.

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	Spares	None	

5. Target: (1) LOFFINGEN GERMANY. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release	
(1)	Railroad Bridge (M) W-492216	Steig W-2422	14:40	18 B-26's	12,400	11,400
(2)	Barracks and supply area. (M) W-114710		15:12	9 B-26's	12,000	11,000
(3)						
(4)						

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Compressed formation. Bombing Procedure- All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 96°T. Withdrawal - Broke Right. Evasive action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 30 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 50

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - Primary - The target was covered with a good pattern of bombs but bridge was still standing after bombing, though probably damaged.

Last Resort target - Most of bombs landed North in the town, with a few in North edge of area. One explosion was seen.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.01	232	213				None	19

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	78,375	50 (Test)

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	Inaccurate	Scant	(a) W-0933

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs 8 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 479

1. No. Off 27 B-26's Time Up 13:10 Time Down 16:18 Total Hours 80:15
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 2/10ths low clouds tops 6,000 feet Base estimated 3-4,000 feet.
4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	Engine trouple	1 B-26	Bombardier error.

5. Target: (1) HORNBERG, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad Bridge. (W) W-368573	Zell W-9002	15:08	24 B-26's	12,000 11000
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in compressed formation, regained normal route formation in break. Bombing Procedure. All bombs dropped off of No one man each flight. Axis of Attack - 175°T. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive action - loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 15 35 seconds.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - The target was missed. A good pattern cut the North approach and blocked the tunnel mouth.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000#GP	.1&01	108	96				None	12

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	88,700	150 (test)

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Slight	Inaccurate	Scant	(W) W- 1687

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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OPREP 'A'

TO: HQ., Ninth Air Force, (ATTN: 26th S.O.U.)
HQ., XII TAC, (ATTN: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 115 for 24 hrs ending sunset, 8 February, '45. [redacted]

Operations No 3703, TR/19/8/10.

A. 2 F 60 from 07:25 to 09:25. To recce Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Pirmasens, Haguenau, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: 7 locomotives with S/U (some were trains but number of cars unobserved) in Landon M/Y. Called to controller. 1 train with 30 plus cars (type unobserved) with S/U facing S and 1 locomotive no S/U, facing N, and 1 locomotive S/U stationary facing N at R-296603. Called to controller. 1 train with 20 plus cars (loaded flat cars) mvg W at R-266596. Called to controller. 1 train with S/U, 30 plus flat cars loaded with MT, direction unobserved, at R-406635. Called to Controller by Brutus Blue Mission. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 07:40 to 09:10. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2,500 to 4000' over Hardt Mts. 7/10 at 5000 to 6000' over Rhine valley N of Strassburg.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Pirmasens, Hagenau, Zweibrucken. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal, (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil H. Nil.

Operations No. 3704, TR/ 27/8/4.

A. 2 F 60's from 07:30 to 09:00. To recce Wissembourg, Bingen, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken, Homburg. OBSNS: NMS Wissembourg, Bingen, Kaiserlautern because of weather. 1 train stationary facing W, no S/U, at Q-8879 with approximately 30 cars (appeared to be boxcars). Approx 100 plus box cars in M/Y at same coordinate. 1 train 20 plus boxcars mvg NW out of Zweibrucken M/Y. 1 loco S/U stationary facing SE, 1 train S/U 40 plus boxcars stationary facing NW at Zweibrucken M/Y. 1 train (no cars unobserved) S/U stationary and facing NE, and 1 train 30 plus boxcars S/U stationary facing SW Homburg M/Y. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 07:45 to 08:45. WEATHER: 10/10 3500 ' Rhine valley and W to Pirmasens - St. Wendel. 4/10 at 6000' Zweibrucken area.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Wissembourg, Bingen, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken, Hombur, (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal, (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No. 3705, TR/15/8/6.

A. 2 F 60's from 07:35 to 09:05. To recce Freiburg, Nuenburg, B-2988. OBSNS: 7 loco with S/U in Offenburg M/Y all facing S. Two of these pulling into M/Y from the N. Unable to determing if they were pulling trains. Called in and F/B were sent to attack target. 1 train, no of cars unobserved, with S/U facing S at Kenzingen W-0255. 1 train, no of cars unobserved, mvg S at W-040492. 100 plus (estimated) objects on road, appearing to be vehicles, on road from V-918167 to V-973240. Leader A/C started to go down to make closer observation and received intense, light, accurate flak which forced him to break away. Fires observed in Breisach. NMS in Freiburg M/Y. F/B were attacking bridge at W-14[illegible]48. Lead ship of F/B scored direct hit on bridge. Our mission unable to observe if bridge was knocked out. R/C: [illegible]. PHOTOS: Nil TOA: 0750 to 0850. WEATHER: CAVU Rhine Valley S of Strassburg.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Freiburg, Nuenburg, B-2988. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.
E/A: Nil. E/F: Light intense accurate V-918167 & V-973240
Heavy, moderate, inaccurate at Offenburg.

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Operations No 3706, TR/1/8/1.

A. 2 F 6's from 07;40 to 09;45. To recce Strassburg, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 1 train of 25 boxcars with S/U stationary facing N at R-3323. 60 boxcars in M/Y at R-3323. 60 boxcars, 1 loco mvg N at Rostatt M/Y. 1 train of 50 plus boxcars mvg E from Durloch. Appeared to be 2 loco on same end of train. 1 train of 5 passenger cars mvg N from Karlsruhe. 50 plus boxcars in Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train of 25 plus boxcars mvg N into Hockenheim R-3980. 21 pontoonstied together in trees along East bank of Rhine river at R-5577. Estimated 5 barges mvg both ways on Rhine River vicinity of Speyer. In Speyer M/Y 3 loco with S/U stationary facing south. Called F/B which attacked M/Y. Also approx 75 boxcars in yards. 3 trains mvg S between Ludwigshofen and Schifferstadt. No of cars unobserved. F/B called and they attacked target. 1 train, type and no of cars unobserved, stationary with S/U facing S in Ludwigshafen M/Y. 7 loco with S/U at R 5096 and 100 plus boxcars. 10 loco with S/U at R-4898 and 150 plus boxcars. 1 train of 30 plus boxcars mvg NE across RR bridge at R-5397. Mission ordered to return to base by Controller. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense, accurate: Baden-Baden and Rostatt, alson Hockenheim, Speyer.
Light, moderate, inaccurate: Karlsruhe.
Heavy, moderate, accurate: Speyer.
Heavy, intense, inaccurate: Ludwigshafen.P PHOTOS
PHOTOS: Yes successful. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 3000 to 5000' east of Rhine River. Vis 5 mi. CAVU Rhine valley and W of Rhine from Mennheim to Wissenbourg. TOA: 08;00 to 09;30.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg & Karlsruhe. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4;10 hrs. E. 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) 80 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No. 3707, TR/7/8/4

A. 2 F 60's from 07;45 to10;15. To Recce Karlsruhe, Landay, Wizzembourg. OBSNS: 4 MTs stationary facing E in town at R-3454. 1 train, 35-40 flat cars loaded with MTs, stationary facing S at R-3454. Called to Baggage. Straffed and damaged engine and straffed and hit AA guns along side of track (our A/C). 2 trains, 30 boxcars stationary facing E at R-3849. Flight called back by Baggage. Landed at Toul. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, inaccurate at Wissembourg, and Landay. Light, scant, inaccurate at R-3454. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 08;15 to 09;00. WEATHER: 8/10 from 4 to 6000' entire area covered.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe, Landay & Wissembourg. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal (ii) 340. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No. 3708, TR/21/8/22 - PR/21/8/222.

A. 2 F 60's from 12;15 to 14;45. To recce Offenburg, Freiburg, Neunburg, Breisach, Emmendingen. OBSNS: 10 MTs mvg N from Offenburg at 12;45 hrs. 30 plus MTs mvg N Kensingen to Offenburg. Called to Controller but no F/B in area. 1 train, 20 Red Cross cars stationary, S/U, facing NW on siding by hospital in town of Emmendingen W-0847. 2 MTs driving on taxi strips on Freiburg A/D. No A/C on A/D. 100 plus MTs and few M/Cs mvg NE and 20 MTs SW all scattered from Neunburg to Freiburg at 13;15 hrs. Called to Controller. F/Bs hit traffic. 4 large barges and 6 small barges stationary on E bank Rhine River V-863142. Not loaded. From V-096378 to Emmendinge, 20 plus MTs mvg at 13;30 hrs. 15 plus MTs E and NE from Bahlingen W-0047 to Teningen W-0548 at 14;00 hrs. 35 plus HDV MTs and a few MCs mvg N Freiburg to Eichstetten to Riegel (W-0050) at 14;00 hrs. Called to Controller. 10 MTs mvg SW Eichstten W-0044 to Breisach at 14;10 hrs. 35 plus MTs mvg NE Breisach to Eichstetten at 14;10 hrs. Not called to controller. E/A: Nil. E/F: Scant, accurate heavy at V-9725. PHOTOS: Yes, unsuccessful due to mechanical failure. R/C: Good. TOA: 12;45 to 14;30. WEATHER: CAVU E of Rhine Offenburg to Basel.

B. (i) 2 F6's. (ii) 2 attacking Offenburg, Freiburg, Neunburg, Breisach (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. ~~3~~ 500 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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Operations No 3709 TR/ 8/8/5

A. 2 F 60's from 12;30 to 14;30. To recce Wissembourg, Grunstadt, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: 25 plus MTs mvg N into Bergzahern at 14;00 hrs. 25 MTs stationary facing N in town of Offenbach (R-3366) at 13;45 hrs. Both MVTs called to Controller. 1 MT mvg N into Wissembourg. 2 MTs mvg N into Landay. 3 MTs mvg E out of Landay. Landay M/Y about 30% filled with boxcars. 2 loco stationary with S/U xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx facing W in M/Y. 1 loco with S/U mvg into Landay. Edenboken M/Y about 20% filled with boxcars. No activity. 2 MTs mvg N at R-2976. 2 MTsmvg N at R-3273. Neustedty M/Y about 40% filled. 1 loco steam up stationary. (direction unobserved). 1 white MT mvg E into Neustadt. 2 MTs mvg N out of Neustadt. 2 MTs mvg N into Bad Durkheim. 3 MTs mvg N out of Bad Durkheim. 2 MTs mvg NE out of Bad Durkheim. NMS on Autobahn Grunstadt to Rhine river. 1 loco stationary S/U (dir unobserved) Grunstadt M/Y. 1 MT mvg E out of Neustadt. M/Y at Q-9173 40% filled boxcars. 1 loco stationary S/U at Q-9173. Pirmasens M/Y about 20% filled. No activity. NMS Pirmasens to Zweibrucken. Zweibrucken M/Y about 50% filled with boxcars and flat cars. Flatcars were not loaded. No activity. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, scant, inaccurate at R-3354. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 12;50 to 14;15. WEATHER: 3 to 5/10 Rhine Valley at 2000'. Vis 6 mi.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Wissembourg, Grunstadt, Pirmasens, and Zweibrucken. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil: G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3710 TR/20/8/11

A. 2 F 60's from 12;40 to 14;30. To recce Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Pirmasens, Haguenau, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: Bridge at Karlsruhe intact. 20 boxcars in Selz M/Y R-2833. 6 large barges stationary in canal ar R-4345. 100 boxcars in Bergzabern M/Y at R-1955. 2 trains S/U and 40 boxcars each stationary facing E at R-3949. 2 MTs mvg N at R-1957. NMS Weibenburg, Pirmasens mostly due to overcast. 4 MTs mvg N on road in vicinity of Q-9643. NMS in Haguenau woods and roads N of Haguenau woods. 2 large MTs one towing what appeared to be a caliber gun mvg NW out of Zweibrucken. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 13;00 to 14;10. WEATHER: 8/10 from 3 to 4500' Hardt Mts between Pirmasens and Sissenburg. CAVU area Landay, Karlsruhe, Haguenau, Strassburg.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Pirmasens, Haguenau, Zweibrucken. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 3;40 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3711 TR/2/8/2

A. 2 F 60's from 13;00 to 15;15. To recce Strasburg, Worms, Kaiserlautern. OBSNS: 1 train, 40 boxcars stationary facing N at W-1896 with last boxcars burning. 1 train, 30 boxcars facing S at W-1795 with 2 boxcars burning. 1 loco S/U facing N in M/Y Rastatt. 1 train, 50 boxcars mvg W at R-4944. 2 loco S/U mvg W in M/Y of Karlsruhe. 1 train, 30 boxcars stationary facing E at R-5145. 1 loco S/U facing E in M/Y at R-4945.1 train 30 boxcars stationary M/Y at R-6258. 1 loco S/U facing S at R-6258. 1 train 60 boxcars mvg N at R-6767. 1 train, 40 boxcars mvg S at R-3772. 2 MTs mvg S at R-6373. 6 to 10 MTs scattered both ways on super highway between 6373 and R-6585. 3 loco S/U in M/Y at Mannehim. 1 loco S/U facing W M,Y Ludwigshaven. 1 train, no of cars unobserved, mvg SE at M-5213 1 train, 25 boxcars , 5 oil cars mvg S into Worms. 1 train, 40 boxcars stationary facing S M/Y Worms. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg N at M-4537. 1 train, 30 boxcars, 30 oilcars mvg E into M/Y Kaiserlautern. (called to Controller by weaver) 1 loco S/U M/Y Kaiserlautern. Nothing called to Controller on mission except by weaver, Tac/R' leader's radio was out. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, inaccurate AA Karlsruhe. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. TOA: 13;30 to 14;55. WEATHER: 4/10 3 to 5000' Strasburg, Worms, Kaiserlautern.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strasburg, Worms , Kaiserlautern. (iii) to (vii): Nil (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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Operations No 3712 TR/17/8/8

A. 2 F 60's from 13:10 to 15:20. To recce Strassburg, Freiburg, Neunburg, Emmendigen. OBSNS: At 13:30 hrs 5 to 6 tanks stationary along road W-034190 to W-029177. At 13:40 hrs 15 MTs stationary facing N and NW dispersed in town at V-9724. 25 MTs stationary facing NE from Nonsingen (V-974266) to W-006280. At 13:45 hrs 25 to 30 MTs stationary facing NE W-050315 to Freiburg. NMS in Freiburg. 10 MTs mvg NW (1 towing 3 small trailers) from Kendringen (W-0549). Above called to Controller. 1 large MT mvg NW from Emmendingen. 2 MTs mvg W at W-150312. 10 MTs stationary facing SE from V-950285 to W-965268. 1 possible tank stationary facing SW at V-915200. 2 large MTs and 3 small MTs stationary facing NW at V-935215 Appeared to have been hit by F/B. 2 Ambulances mvg W V-945120. E/A: Nil. E/F: Moderate, accurate, light at V-9421 and V-9528. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 13:25 to 15:00. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Freiburg, Neunburg, Emmendigen. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3713 TR/21/8/12

A. 2 F 60's from 13:55 to 16:20. To recce Haguenau, Karlsruhe, Pirmasen. OBSNS: NMS R-2018 to Karlsruhe. 15 large boxcars, 15 plus flat cars loaded with MTs on track at R-2551 (called to Controller). NMS Wissembourg to Pirmasens. M/Y Pirmasen well covered with bomb hits. 4 MTs white color stationary facing S at Q-9554. 1 MT white color mvg S at Q-9654. NMS ~~Q-Kxxxx~~ Q-9554 to Rastatt. 12 large pontoons 6 small pontoons in center of canal at R-312355. NMS Haguenau forest and rds just N of to Wissembourg. Rendezvous with flight of F/B's and let them to flat cars at R-2551. F/B hit flat cars with MT, with good results. E/A: Nil. E/F: Moderate, inaccurate at R-2551. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Fair. TOA: 14:15 to 16:10. WEATHER: 1/10 at 4 to 6000' slight haze. 0/C at 16,000'.
B. (i) 2 F60's. (ii) 2 attacking Haguenau, Karlsruhe, Pirmasen. (iii) to (vii): NIL. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3714 TR/3/8/3

A. 2 F 60's from 15:20 to 16:50. To recce Strassburg, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 40 to 50 boxcars at R-1694 on NW-SE line. 1 MT mvg NE and 1 MT mvg SW at R-2303. 20 to 30 boxcars in one string at North end of Achern M/Y. 80 to 100 boxcars in Rastatt M/Y. 1 large van mvg NE at R-4335. 1 small MT mvg SW at R-4737. 7 loco with S/U scattered in Karlsruhe M/Y. Directions unobserved. Karlsruhe M/Y approx ~~1~~ one half filled with boxcars. 1 train with 6 boxcars mvg S into Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train with 6 boxcars mvg W into Karlsruhe M/Y. 3 loco with S/U (1 facing E, 1 facing W and 1 mvg W) in M/Y at R-4148. Mission returned to base because of engine trouble. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 15:40 to 16:30. WEATHER: 3/10 to 4/10 at 6000' in Rhine valley.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Karlsruhe. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (iii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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Operations No 3715 TR/28/8/15

A. 2 F 60's from 15;40 to 17;45. To recce Wissembourg, Bingen, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken, Homburg. OBSNS: NMS Pirmasens & Zweibrucken. 3 loco with S/U stationary, 2 facing W and 1 facing E in Zweibrucken M/Y. 150 plus boxcars in M/Y. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg SW into Landstuhl M/Y, where it stopped and cut off steam. 4 loco with S/U stationary in Kaiserlautern M/Y. 1 train of 30 to 40 boxcars mvg SW out of Kaiserlautern. 1 train of 20 plus boxcars mvg SW at R-0195. 1 train of 40 plus cars mvg SE at R-0098. All the above reported to Controller but it was too late for F/B to attack targets. 1 loco at Q-9685 was hit by F/B. Direction and cars if any U/C. Mission returned to base because of darkness. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Fair. TOA: 16;00 to 17;30. WEATHER: 8/10 at 3500 ' over Saar basin and Hardt Mts.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Wissembourg, Bingen, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken Homborg. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3716 TR/18/8/9 & PR 21/8/9

A. 2 F 60's from 15;45 to 17;30. To recce Freiburg, Nuenburg and B-2988. OBSNS: 10 plus MTs stat in town V-955582 (Called to Controller) 7 pontoons on east bank of Rhine at V-867203, and 2 pontoons at ~~B-2585~~ V-887230. Neunburg bridge intact. 2 MTs stat facing E on Neunburg bridge. 1 train with 15 boxcars mvg E at B-2585. RR bridge at B-297882 intact. RR cut 50 yds W of bridge at B-297882. 1 MT mvg S at V-8909. 5 plus MTs stat facing E at V-9312. (Called to Controller). 1 MT mvg W at V-9312. 3 MTs mvg NE at W-0128. 1 MT mvg E at W-0632. NMS Freiburg to W-0847. Observed hospital train of 20 cars stat on siding facing NW at W-0847. Hospital in town W-0847. 6 plus MTs stat facing E at V-955346. (Called to Controller) 1 MT mvg W at V-9435. 1 ambulance mvg S at V-9534. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, accurate at Freiburg. Heavy, scant inaccurate at B-0488. PHOTOS: ~~[illegible]~~ Yes and successful. WEATHER: CAVU. overcast at 16000' .

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Freiburg, Nuenburg, B-2988. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (iii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal (ii) 60 (iii) Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil H. Nil.

Operations No 3717 TR/22/8/13 & PR 6/8/217

A. 2 F 60's from 15;45 to 17;15. To recce Hagueneu, Q-8236, OBSNS: Mission was attempting to fly under overcast to orient itself and take oblique photos of enemy territory near front. Received friendly flak. One plane developed engine trouble so mission returned to base. No obsns and no photos. E/A: Nil. E/F: Light, intense, accurate and SAF: Q-9823, Q-9426. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. TOA: 16;35 to 16;55. WEATHER: 8/10 3 to 4000' Hagueneu to Q-8236.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Hagueneu. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (iii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 146 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 8 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 377 TR/23/8/25

A. 1 F6D and 1 F6C from 0805-0945. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 2 locos, S/U, working, and M/Y 1/4 full at Zweibrucken. 2 locos, S/U, working, Q-7079. Factory activity and train 10 cars mvg S into Forbach. Several fires in t own at Q-355730. No other obs. due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0900. WEATHER: 8/10 top 3,000' base 2,500'-2,900'. Vis unlimited. 10/10 at 15,000',thin stratus.
B. 1 F6D and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area"C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.20 hrs G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 378 TR/4/8/16

A. 1 F6D and 1 F6C from 0815-0930. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 40 boxcars going N I-9525. No other obs. due to weather.ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0835-0910. WEATHER: 10/10 base 1,500' Tops 4,000'.
B. 1F6D and 1F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 2.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3 300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii(NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 379 TR/12/8/22

A. 2 F6C from 0800-0930. To recce in Route #5. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train, 8 boxcars 7 passenger mvg S at W-1590.(Called to Controller) Offenburg M/Y 3 locos S/U, M/Y 3/4 full and appears 3/4 serviceable.(Calle to Controller) Smoke from 2 fact ory chimineys in Offenburg. M/Y W-2565 is 1/2 full-boxcars and also 8 cars w ith red crosses on them. 1 train 35 cars mvg E at W-2964, 8 cars had red crosses on them. (Called to Controller) 6 empty flat cars on end of train. Villingen W-5440 M/Y 1/2 full, appears active. 1 train 15 cars mvg W at 5728 (Could not raise Controller) 8 scatt M/T B/W between Freiburg and W-5728. Freiburg A/D had 2 S/E A/C scatt on W side of the feild. 1 train 20 cars mvg S at W-0250. 1 switch engine at W-0250. 7 scatt white buildings looked like hut-ments at W-0044. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-0910. WEATHER: 5-10/10 at 2500' in T/G area.
B. 2 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #5. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 120 rds. (iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 380 TR/9/8/19

A. 2 F6D from 0815-1015. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: Train 30 boxcars stat, S/U, facing N in M/Y at Germersheim at 0845. Train 3 boxcars, Stat, S/U fac N at R-5411, at 0900. M/Y Mannheim 1/2 full, NMS. No other obs. due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, Karlsruhe. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 0835-0930. WEATHER: 8-9/10 top 4,000' base unknown.
B. 2 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #4. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL

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OPERATIONS NO. 381 TR/25/8/27

A. 2 F6 C from 1315-1530. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 1 loco, switching, and M/Y 1/2 full at Landestuhl, also 12 hospital cars. 1 M/T mvg NE into Muhlbach Q-8088. 1 M/T mvg E at Q-7591. M/Y Homburg 1/2 full, 1 loco, Stat, fac S. 2 M/T mvg N into Homburg. Factory activity S edge of Homburg. Dump in factory yard on S edge of Homburg. M/Y Zweibrucken 1/2 full, 2 locos, S/U, Stat. M/Y bombed out at Pirmasens. M/Y Neunkirchen 3/4 full, 2 or 3 locos S/U, Stat. M/Y W Saarbrucken 1/2 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1500. WEATHER: E half of area 2/10 at 6,000' top - base 4.000'. W half of area 8-10/10 at 6,000' top - base 4,000'
B. 2 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 382 TR/5/8/17

A. 2 F6D from 1320-1520. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: Zweibrucken M/Y 1/2 full boxcars, no activity. 1 train 20 boxcars, 10 empty flat cars, stat fac N at R-4983 (Could not contact controller) 20 boxcars at M-3913. 1 loco mvg N at M-4417. No activity on Rhine between Worms and Mainz. 6 pontoons each 15 feet long with side of river at M-2155. 1 loco, 6 boxcars S/U stat. fac N at L-9017. 1 loco 8 boxcars STAT. fac E at Q-8691. 6 barges, each 30 ft. long STAT, M-5303. 10 boxcars sticking out of tunnel at L-9833 fromS end. 1 M/T NE at M-0034. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, Kaiserslautern. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1450. WEATHER: W Mainz 5/10 base 3000' top 5000'. E Mainz CAVU with high o/c at 12,000'.
B. 2 F6D (ii) 2 attacking in Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 383 TR/30/8/30

A. 1 F6D and 1 F6C from 1245-1455. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Tug pulling pontoon with 2 trucks E across Rhine R1919. M/Y Ettlingen R4939 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y SE edge of Karlsruhe 1/3 full, NMS. 9 pontoons strung along E bank of Rhine R4759. 8 pontoons, 50 yards apart, along E bank of Rhine R4872. M/Y 1/3 full, 1 train 30 box cars STAT, Germersheim. Bridge R4869 appears serviceable. RR andHWY bridge Pfortz appears serviceable. No a/c or activity on A/D at Germersheim. 10 barrage balloons 1500'-2000' over Rhine at Germersheim. 50 box cars on siding R4884. M/Y Schifferstadt 1/3 full,NMS. M/Y Neustadt 1/3 full,NMS. M/Y W edge of Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y R0099 1/3 full, NMS. 12 hospital cars on sidings at Lansthul Q8890. M/Y W of Homburg 1/5 full, NMS. M/Y Q9074 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Landau 1/3 full 2 locos STAT facing B/W. 70 box cars on siding Q2751. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: MAL Kehl, SII Lichtenau. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1315-1425. WEATHER: 6/10-8/10 top 4500' base 4000'
B. 1 F6D and 1F6C. (ii) 2 attacking inArea"D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii(2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.20 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 384 TR/10/8/20

A . 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 1300-1345. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: NIL. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK:NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: NIL. WEATHER: NIL.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6C. (ii) Abortive-Mechanical) (iii-viii) NIL.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 1.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 385 ARTY/R/15/8/31

A. 1 F6D and 1 F6C from 1250-1455. To recce in Area"C". OBSERVATIONS: Contacted Batry at 1300, radio contact was good. Adjusted 240 mm howitzer on building Q-46557184. 1st rd; unobserved. 2nd rd: unobserved. 3rd rd: deflection correct drop 100. 4th rd: deflection correct drop 100. 5th rd: hit southwest corner of building. 6th rd: hit building 100 yds SW main target. 7th rd: hit main target, knocked one wall down. 8th rd: hit 50 yds NE of building. Pilot informed Batry he had to return to base as he was short of gas. 60 boxcars painted bright yellow in two strings along tracks at Q-4670. Smoke from chimney of large building at Q-4674. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1300-1440. WEATHER: 5/10 at top 2,000'
B. 1 F6D and 1 F6C. (ii) 2 attacking in Area"C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 386 TR/13/8/23

A. 1 F6D and 1 F6C from 1305-1505. To recce in Route #5. OBSERVATIONS:
M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full NMS. Scatt bomb hits, over entire yard. Hofireier W-1281 40 boxcars on siding. 150 boxcars at Lahr W-0872. Mahlberg W-0566 20 boxcars on siding. Riegel W-0250 2 strings of boxcars, 75 cars each. M/Y Freiburg 3/4 full NMS. A/D at Freiburg appeared empty. 5 M/T mvg N into Enneneingen W-0947. Approx 50 boxcars and 6 or 7 flat cars in M/Y at Neustadt. Flat cars appeared to be loaded with M/T. RR cut at W-5532. M/Y at Villengen W-5440 2/3 full, 2 locos S/U. Georen W-4747 30 cars in group of 5-10, on siding. Hornberg W-3758 20 boxcars on siding. Hansach W-3265 40 boxcars on siding. Appenweter W-2893, 120 boxcars, 80 open, coal cars on siding. Between Kehl and Freiburg on highway, towns there are fortified with rows of trenches on S, W, and N sides. Botzingen V-9942 heavy flak battery. Between W-4533 and W-5828 near misses on RR. ENEMY AIR: Pursued 2 ME 109's from Strasbourg to Freiburg flying at 8000' but lost them in o/c - pursuit began at 1420 hours. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: Vertical of barracks at W-1586 at 5500' on 0° course at 1415 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1325-1435. WEATHER: 3-5/10 top 5000' base 4000'. Rhine Vally CAVU.
B. 1 F6D and 1 F6C. (ii) 2 attacking in Route #5. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 387 ARTY/R/15/8/32

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6B from 1400-1605. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Target roundhouse Q72927146. Contacted Quartpot at 1430 on "B" Channel. At 1420 another controller on "D" channel informed pilot Quartpot had just finished mission. Then other controller told pilot to switch to "B" channel. Other controller informed pilot that he would notify Quartpot by telephone to change to "B" channel. Other controller informed pilot that he did not believe Quartpot was using "D" channel. Contact with Quartpot on "B" channel was difficult as it interferred with Baggage and other planes. Pilot returned to base. Obs 2 switch engines M/Y 1/2 full Zweibrucken. 3 switch engines M/Y Neunkirchen 1/2 full. 1 large M/T mvg NE Q5374. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: SIL Q7564. Large red ball 1½ feet in diameter 5500 feet Q7168. WEATHER: Not reported. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1545.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6B. (ii) 2 attacking in Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 388 PR/P-57 7A/24/195

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6 C from 1400-1525. To recce and Photo. OBSERVATIONS: No observations. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: 7A/24/195 unsuccessful due to weather. A/219 unsuccessful due to weather. Vertical of M/Y at R-050550. Altitude 4,000' on course 190° at 1450 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA.: 1415-1505. WEATHER: 8/10 2-5,000'.
B. 1 F6B and L F6C. (ii) 2 recce and photo. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 2.50 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 389 TR/6/8/18

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6D from 1500-1705. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg 7/8 full, 1 train, 30 box cars headed SW out of Homburg at 1615 hrs. (Called to controller) 4 switch engines working in M/Y Homburg. 1 train 25-30 cars, STAT, S/U, D/B by P-47's. 2 locos S/U, 1 STAT and 1 mvg N, and M/Y 1/4 full at Lauterechen. M/Y Meisenheim 1/2 full. NMS. Hwy bridge at M-0835 out. RR bridge at M-0835 appears to be serv.. Hwy bridge at M-0837 cut. All other bridges observed at Bad Kreuznach appear serv. M/Y Bad Kreuznach 1/2 full, NMS. RRbridge at M-1249 appears to be serv. M/Y at M-2353 1/2 full, 2 locos S/U, STAT. M/Y N edge of Mainz 3/4 full, 6 locos, 4 with S/U working in yard. 2 RR bridges and 1 Hwy bridge at Mainz appears serv. M/Y at Worms 1/2 full, NMS. RR bridge and Hwy bridge at Worms serv. Factory activity at Worms. M/Y at Oppenheim 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Schifferstadt 1/2 full, 2 locos, 1 of which with S/U, and 1 mvg N. No barrage balloons up at Speyer. Fires on W side of Gernsheim. M/Y Frankenthal 1/2 full, NMS. All bridges on Reichsautobaln between Kaiserlautern and Rhine river serv, except bridge across Rhime at M-4906. RR bridge at M-1801 serv. M/Y S edge of Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, NMS. Factory activity at Neunkirchen, train, 20 hospital cars mvg S into Homburg at 1530 hrs Called to Controller. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-H at Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1520-1645. WEATHER: 5/10 to 4-6000' base unknown.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6D. (ii) 2 attacking in Route #2. (iii-vii)NIL. (viii) 2.
C, NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 390 TR/11/8/21

A. 1 F6D and 1 F6C from 1540 -1720. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: Karlsruhe M/Y 1/3 full, 1 switch engine in yard. 1 train 10 passenger cars mvg SW at R-5946. Smoke from E end of tunnel at R-6441, appears to be loco in tunnel. M/Y at Pforzheim 1/4 full, NMS. 1 train 10 empty flat cars and 20 box cars on track at R-8040, mvg SW called to controller. 70 box cars on track at R-9140. 6 He 111's on Sachsenheim A/F, 2 of a/c dispersed in woods on W side of field and 4 a/c dispersed on NE perimeter of runway. M/Y at S-0240 is 1/4 full with 1 loco S/U. 1 train, 10 flat cars, 3 of which had M/T and 30 box cars mvg S at S-0660. M/Y at Heilbronn 1/3 full, with 2 switch enfines in yard. 37 barges, each 60 feet long, STAT. at S-0863. M/Y at S-0672 1/2 full, with 1 switch engine in yard, 85 boxcars at S-0380. M/Y R-9984 1/3 full. 50 boxcars strung out at R-9493. 1 train 35 flat cars with M/T STAT, facing SE at R-9296. M/Y R-8091 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Heidelberg 1/3 full, 7 engines in M/Y S/U. 100 boxcars along track at R-5991. M/Y Mannheim 1/4 full, 9 switch engines S/U in yard. M/Y appears to be about 3/4 serv. RR siding at R-6188 is 10/10 full, of box cars. RR and Hwy bridge at R-5280 appears serv. 1 engine mvg S at R-6666 1 large M/T mvg S at R-6367. 1 train, 70 cars, mvg NE with loco on each end at R-6258. M/Y Bruchsel 1/4 full , 2 switch engines S/U in yard. 20 box cars, 1 switch engine at R-4049. During mission could not raise controllers, Baggage, Elite, or Atkins. Pelican controller answered. Air jammed with conversation to controller. ENEMY AIR:NIL. ENEMY FLAK:1-I-L at R-7935.PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTAT GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1605-1705. WEATHER: o/c 15-20,000' visibility 5-10 mile.
B. 1 F6D and 1 F6C. (ii)2 attacking in Route #4. (iii-vii) NIL (viii) 2
C. NIL.
D. 3.20 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. NIL.
G. NIL.
H. NIL.

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OPERATIONS NO. 391 TR/14/8/24

A. 2 F6C. from 1545-1720. To recce in Route #5. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenbach 1/2 full, NMS. Bridge at V-8514 appears serv. Bridge at Breisach V-8837 appears unserv.. Smoke raising as result of friendly shelling in Breisach area. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H at V-9915. PHOTOS: Oblique of bridge at V-8514 7,000' 180° at 1630 hrs. Oblique of bridge at V-8837 6,000' 300° at 1645 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: 1605-1650. WEATHER: 10/10 at 10,000' in Rhine Valley. 8/10 with tops at 5,000', base unknown, E of Rhine from Freiburg t o Offenbach.
B. 2 F6C. (ii) 2 attacking in Route #5. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3343 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E from 1500A to 1700A. To photo target: BDA Dump - W-245708, RR/B W-113432, RR/B W-112426, RR/S and M/Y Radofzell W-930047, RR/S and M/Y Uberlingen X-070087, Neuhausen A/D W-875314, RR/L W-714466 to W-755414, RR/S Laufen W-868590, RR/S Lautingen W-985577, RR/S and M/Y Killer W-983694, RR/Gun W-006392, X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551. OBSERVATION: twenty five (25) S/E enemy fighters fifteen (15) miles north west of Freiberg at 13,000 ft. heading south west at 1600A. ENEMY AIR: twenty five (25) S/E enemy fighters fifteen (15) miles north west of Freiberg at 13,000 ft heading south west at 1600A. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: BDA Dump W-245708, RR/B W-113432, RR/B W-112426. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1545A to 1615A. WEATHER: targets not claimed were covered by 10/10ths clouds. Mission partially successful. (Garland A. York, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: BDA Dump W-245708, RR/B W-113432, RR/B W-112426, RR/S and M/Y Radofzell W-930047, RR/S and M/Y Uberlingen X-070087, Neuhausen A/D W-875314, RR/L W-714466 to W-755414, RR/S Laufen W-868590, RR/S Lautingen W-985577, RR/S and M/Y Killer W-983694, RR/Gun W-006392, X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hours
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3346 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E from 1340A to 1550A. To photo target: RR/S and M/Y Gernbasch R-443192, Bissingen A/D - three (3) mile radius S-276-018, Bekmaringen A/F - three (3) mile radius X-551878, BDA M/Y Heilbronn S-0762, Sinshein A/D, Odhein A/D, Bridge S-020405, OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: RR/S and M/Y Gernbasch R-443192, Bissingen A/D - three (3) mile radius S-276018, Bekmaringen A/F - three (3) Mile radius X-551878, BDA M/Y Heilbronn S-0762, Sinshein A/D, Odhein A/D, Bridge S-020405. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1430A to 1515A. WEATHER: Solid overcast at 17,000 ft no low clouds. Mission successful. (Allen R. Keith, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/S and M/Y Gernbasch R-443192, Bissingen A/D - three (3) mile radius S-276018, Bekmaringen A/F - three (3) mile radius X-551878, BDA M/Y Heilbronn S-0762, Sinshein A/D, Odhein A/D, Bridge S-020405. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. — 34/3547 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E from 1340A to 1525A. To photo target: Dump Q-745729, Dump R-220435, Dump R-278563, Dump Q-977935, five (5) mile radius M-2019, BDA Kaiserlautern M/Y Q-960-928, BDA R-021988. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Dump Q-745729, Dump R-220435, BDA Dump Q-977935. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1445A. WEATHER: Cloud ceiling at 20,000 ft in Zweibrucken area, and cloud ceiling at 15,000 ft. in Landau area. Mission partially successful. (Wallace C. Bosworth, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Dump Q-745729, Dump R-220435, Dump R-278563, Dump Q-977935, five (5) mile radius M-2019, BDA Kaiserlautern M/Y Q-960928, BDA R-021988. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hour 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3348 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E from 1330A to 1535A. To photo target: Rhine river - Rastatt to Worms. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Rhine river - Rastatt to Worms, Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364, Block coverage R-2148 to R-3741 to R-2929 to R-1436. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1445A. WEATHER: overcast at 15,000 ft, river covered with low startus from Speyer northwards. Mission successful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Rhine river - Rastatt to Worms. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3349 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E from 1330A to 1505A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7346, block coverage R-2148 to R-3741 to R-2929 to R-1436. OBSERVATION: two (2) enemy fighters at 12,000 ft. reported in Hagenau area between 1400A to 1445A. ENEMY AIR: two (2) enemy fithers at 12,000 ft. reported in Hagenau area between 1400A to 1445A. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7346, block coverage R-2148 to R-3741 to R-2929 to R-1436, R-1726 - R-1822. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1405A to 1435A. WEATHER: 10/10ths overcast at 17,500 - contrails at 22,000. Mission successful. (James F. Frakes, Captain.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7346, block coverage R-2148 to R-3741 to R-2929 to R-1436. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hour 35 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3350 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E from 1345A to 1540A. To Photo target: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 toQ-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784,. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1450A. WEATHER: 3/10th to 5/10th clouds at Saarbrucken-1/10ths clouds at Zweibrucken. Mission successful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 55 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U. S. - 34/3351 - (39)

A. 1 F-5E from 1345A to 1600A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Solid over cast at 13,000 ft. north of Saarbrucken. Mission unsuccessful. (Everett E. Custis, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Abortive sortie: Navigational error - due to heavy overcast over area.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3352 - (40)

A. 1 F-5B from 1330A to 1535A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7364 - Q-9064 - Q-9050 - R-3030 - R-2014 - Q-7340 - Q7364. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7364 - Q-9064 - Q-9050 - R-3030 - R-2014 - Q-7340 Q-7364, Q-8935 - Q-9234, Block coverage Q-9333 - R-1224 - R-1426 - Q-9636. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1450A. WEATHER: Solid clouds at 15,000 ft. & 1/10ths scattered clouds at 2,000 ft. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B (ii) 1 attacking target: block coverage Q-7364 - Q-9064 - Q-9050 - R-3030 - R-2014 - Q-7340. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 314 for 24 hours ending sunset
8 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3354 - (42)

A. 1 F-5E from 1345A to 1515A. To photo target: Block coverage L-8405 - M-1405 - R-1491 - Q-8491 - L-8405. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage L-8405 - M-1405 - R-1491 - Q-8491 - L-8405. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1450A to 1500A. WEATHER: 6/10ths clouds in area - strato cumulus at 20,000 ft. Mission successful. (William J. Andres, Jr. F/O)

B. (i) F-5R (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage L-8405 - M-1405 - R-1491 - Q-8491 - L-8405. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 314 for 24 hours ending sunset
8 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3355 - (43)

A. 1 F-5E from 1335A to 1535A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364, block coverage L-8405 to M-1405 to R-1491 to Q-8491 to L-8405. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1425A. WEATHER: 3/10ths to 5/10ths clouds at 20,000 ft. Mission successful. (James E. Lively, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hours
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
10 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 272.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 272 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 7 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

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JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated March 29 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 7 February 1945.

2. Oprep No. 206.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

8 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U. S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U. S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]

1. Oprep # No. 174 for 24 hours ending Sunset 7 February 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 7 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature

FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 7 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Mission cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Robin, Jr.
W. L. ROBIN, JR.,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 114 for 24 hours ending sunset, 7 February, '45. SECRET.
OPERATIONS NO. 3702, TR/19/7/10.

A. 2 F6 C's f rom 1030-1130. To recce Strassbourg area. OBSERVATIONS: None because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050-1110. WEATHER: 10/10 100'-1500'with breaks. Thin overcast at 15000'. 10/10 4-5000' Azelot-Rhine to Strassbourg vicinity.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

7 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov.)

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF: S [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 145 for twenty four hours ending sunset 7 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 376 TR/25/7/27

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1210-1230. To weather recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: 10/10 Base 200', Top 5500'. High o/c 12,000'.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 abortive due to weather (iii-viii) Nil
C. Nil
D. 0.40 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 313 for 24 hours ending sunset
7 February 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374

REF: 2/7/45 [redacted]

Opreb A No 541 for the 24 hours ending Sunset February 7, 1945

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Engelbrecht
HAROLD F. [illegible]
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: 2/8/45 SECRET

OPREP A No. 542 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 8, 1945.

A. Three Beaufighters airborne on intruder missions in lower Rhine Valley. First mission from 23:50 to 01:50. Vectored to postion NE of Nancy to lead in friendly plane reported lost. Made and lost three contacts at Angels 7 and 11; friendly plane took off on vector of 360 and Beau could not catch it. Vectored toward point "N", but returned to base because of rough engine. Second mission from 02:00 to 02:30. Returned because of engine trouble. Third mission from 03:20 to 04:45. Observed S/L and light, meager, inaccurate flak S of Breisach. Flew N along Rhine to 10 Miles NW of Strasbourg, but saw nothing. At Angels 9, 10 Miles NW of Strasbourg observed yellow light off to starboard, approx 1/2 mile away, which lasted about 1 min. Two more yellow lights appeared in same position about 30 secs. after first light faded out, and lasted about 1 min. At same time RO observed single red light following the plane and slightly to Port, about 1/2 mile away, and lasted approx 1 min.

B. (i) Three Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Three

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 03:55

E. (i) 18,000 x .303
3,000 x 20MM
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A.C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U.S.Army
6 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 6 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2638

10 P-47s of 314th & 12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadrons up at 0930 down at 1030 on dive bombing mission. 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble. All A/C returned, jettisoned bombs in lake at Q-3813, no sorties. Weather 7/10ths at 700' from base - Baccarat - Rambervillers. 1 A/C damaged on landing, Cat. #2.

Mission 2639

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0920 down at 1045. Target, town of Alpenheim at W-050850, bomb run to 1000'. T.O.T. 1000. 20 x 500 and 9 x 100 in town, 12 buildings destroyed & 3 damaged. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs safe at V-1596. Weather: Base - Baccarat 10/10ths, 1500' on down to Mts. E. of there. Saverne, same. Rhine Valley, 5/10ths 3000' - 4000'. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 4 B	(i)	33
	(ii)	10
	(iii) a.	21
	c.	1
	d.	1
	(vii)	1
	(viii)	10
Note 5 D	(i)	38:30
Note 6 E	(i)	66,000
	(ii)	3,940
Note 7 F	(i)	66 x 500 lb GP 25 x 100 lb Phos. 17 Rockets (Exp. on return trip at target range)
	(ii)	20 x 500 lb GP 9 x 100 lb Phos.
	(iii)	44 x 500 lb GP 14 x 100 lb Phos. (Returned 2 x 500 lb GP & 2 x 100 lb Phos to base)

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
Buildings	12	3

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 205 for the period ending Sunset 6 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16, 17 and 18. Dive-bombing and armed Recce missions.

A. A. A.O.15. 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0805 to dive bomb RR bridge at W-251244 and conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000# SAP bombs. 1 a/c aborted (mechanical) and returned to base with its bombs. Route flown was base to PT to W-368573 (Horneberg) to Offenburg to Rastatt to base. T.O.T. was 0855-0955. PT was not attacked due to weather conditions. The following observations of traffic were made: 1 loco stationary, with steam up at R-448470; 1 loco stationary with steam up at R-461444; 1 loco with 20 cars moving N at R-5534; and 5 M/Ts parked and facing North at R-4261; 22 bombs dropped on RR bridge at Rastatt, R-351288. 2 did not explode, 2 near misses on the right side, 2 hit on the south bank of a nearby canal, 2 cut the tracks at the south end of the bridge, 2 hit on the abutments at the north end of the bridge, and 1 rail cut. Northern end of bridge is claimed as damaged. 4 hits in small M/Y near the bridge damaged the yard, and destroyed 1 RR shed. The rest of the bombs (8) misses. Flak: moderate heavy at V-9144 and R-2427. Losses: 1 a/c Cat 1 (flak) and 1 a/c Cat 2 when pilot bellied in 15 miles from home field - pilot OK. Weather: 8-10/10 cloud with base at 1500 and tops 8,000. There was a large hole in the clouds over Rastatt. Down 1040.

A.O.16. 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 0730 to bomb bridge at B-2988. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000# SAP bombs. Route flown was base to B-2988 (PT) to base. T.O.T was 0830-0900. 8 barges were seen stationary at V-8816. 24 SAPs on the bridge. 9 near misses with 2 rail cuts at 2 points on both

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sets of rails on the West side of the bridge and both sets of rails cut at one point on the East side of the bridge. 1 bomb caused a 10 ft green flash. Bridge is still intact. 1 train at B-3088, headed W., strafed resulting in destruction of the loco (was seen to blow up) and damage to 5-6 cars. Flak: moderate heavy at B-2988 and heavy flak from Switzerland. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 8-9/10 with base at 1,000 tops 10,000 and visibility 5 miles. Down 0945.

A.O.17. 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 0735 to dive bomb RR bridge at W-149849 and conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 # SAP bombs. Route flown was base to target to Offenburg M/Y to base. T.O.T. was 0830-0915. The following observations were made; 6 barges in canal at W-0597; supply dump with new boxes and supplies at W-2199 (area surrounded by intense concentration of light flak;), M/Y at Offenburg was 1/2 to 3/4 full; no RR or road traffic seen between Offenburg and Emendingen; 6 M/Ts moving S at W-2593. 24 SAPs were dropped on bridge at W-149849 - no direct hits, but all bombs were in the target area. No damage was done to the bridge, but RR was cut at W-1585 (on the western side of the bridge) and road was cut at W-145855. 8 locos, 20 plus box cars, heating plant and M/Y were damaged by strafing at the Offenburg M/Y. The loco of a train consisting of loco and 40 plus cars bearing Red Crosses and moving N at W-1989 damaged by strafing. 10 of 20 box cars at W-1614 strafed and damaged. Tank moving SE at W-2396 was destroyed by strafing (was seen to be on fire). 1 MT destroyed at W-2393. Loco of train pulling 40 flat cars loaded with M/Ts at R-2304 and moving S was strafed and damaged. Loco of train pulling 30 Red Cross cars at R-2203 moving N strafed and damaged. 3 pullman type cars damaged at W-0566. Loco and 18 box cars and open coal cars facing S at R-2202 - claim all damaged. Flak: scant heavy at W-149849. moderate light at W-2888, scant heavy and light at Offenburg M/Y, and moderate light at W-0697. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 5/10ths clouds with base 5,000, tops 7,000 and visibility 8 to 10 miles. Down 0950.

A.O.18. 11 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1600 hours on A.O. 18. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000# SAPs. Mission was recalled because of weather. Down at 1645 hours.

B. (i) 47 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at Rastatt, R-351288.
12 A/C dropped bombs on bridge at B-2988.
12 A/C dropped bombs on bridge at W-149849.
also strafed, the following:-
8 locos, 20 plus box cars, heating plant and M/Y at the Offenburg M/Y.
10 to 20 box cars at W-1694.
Tank moving SE at W-2396.
M/T at W-2393.
Loco and 40 flat cars loaded with M/Ts at R-2304.
3 pullman type cars at W-0566.
Loco and 18 box cars, at R-2202.
Train at B-3088. headed SW.
35 A/C completed missions.

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(iii) 12 A/C abortive, due to:-
(a) 11 a/c recalled due to weather.
(b) Nil
(c) 1 a/c mechanical; instruments (Gyro).

(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged; 1 by flak, cat. 1; 1 a/c cat 2., when pilot bellied in 15 miles from home field.
(viii) 35

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 97:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 112,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 16,380 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 94 - 1000# SAP bombs, fused-nose, M103; tail M102; P.D.M14 and P.D. M16.
(ii) 70 - 1000# SAP bombs expended as follows:-
22 bombs on RR bridge at Rastatt, R-351288.
24 bombs on bridge at B-2988.
24 bombs on bridge at W-149849.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
24 - 1000# SAP bombs returned to home base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transports,
a) Destroyed, 1

2. Tanks,
a) Destroyed, 1

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 11

4. Railroad cars,
c) Damaged, 57

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 7

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14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

7 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 171 for 24 hours ending Sunset 6 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Siegrist took off at 0830 on a close support mission with "Halfback". Sq. contacted Brutus Black who assigned 1 loco with 25 box and flat cars carrying M/T at R-290358 headed South. Train was stationary by earlier attack, 21 x 500 with 3 direct hits on cars 10 near misses. 5 boxcars destroyed, 1t damaged by strafing, several fires left burning after attack. 1 x 500 G.P. jet. armed at R-3231. 2 x 500 jet. safe in area of Q-8525. Flak, moderate, inaccurate, heavy along Rhine, R-1717 to Seltz, Weather CAVU over target, enroute 10/10 tops at 4,500'. T.O.T. was 0930-0945, T.D. 1050.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47D Category "E" Belly Landed lack of Fuel due to weather.
(viii) 12

(iii) (B)-1-PILOT ERROR- USED WRONG SWITCH

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 15,400 " " "
(iii) Nil

D. (i) 26:00 hours
(ii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 .025 tail.
(ii) 21 x 500 " " " "
(iii) 3 x 500 " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 5, 4. (C) 15,

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Oprep A No. 172 for 24 hours ending Sunset 6 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 55 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness took off at 0845 to make max. RR Cuts between W-2275 andW-5547 and recce area 9. 2 x 500 on tracks at W-225702, 1 rail cut; 3 x 500 on RR bridge at W-283681, NRO; 1 x 500 on tracks at 226704, 1 rail cut; 1 x 500 on small bldg. at W-227699, dest; 2 x 500 on tracks at W-226699, 1 rail cut; 1 x 500 on tracks at W-223703, near misses; 2 x 500 on tracks at W-253648, 1 rail cut; 1 x 500 on loco at W-241661, 1 loco dest., 1 rail cut; 2 x 500 on RR Bridge at W-369575, 1 RR bridge dam.; 2 x 500 on tracks at W-234675, 1 rail cut; 1 x 500 on RR bridge at W-220755, no claims; 2 x 500 at W-242658, 1 rail cut; 2 x 500 on tracks at W-243656, 1 rail cut; 2 x 500 on bridge at W-259646, no claims; 2 x 500 on tracks at W-261645, near misses; 1 loco strafed and damaged at W-362588, 2 locos strafed and damaged at W-223705, 2 locos strafed and damaged at W-442470. Flak Nil. Weather 10/10 from 2,000'-3,500' E and W of Rhine, vis. excellent in target area. T.O.T. was 0920-1015, T.D. 1045.

B. (i) 12 P-47'S
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 24:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,080 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 GP 8-11 sec delay, 2 x 500 RDX 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24x500 " " " " " " " " " " " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 11. (A) 8
9. (A) 1
5. (C) 1
3. (A) 1
(C) 5

Oprep A No. 173 for 24 hours ending Sunset 6 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels took off at 0818 on close support to Halfbake, who referred Sq to "Brutus Black" who assigned 1 train at R-2734 moving N with 2 locos on front and 50 flat cars with 1 to 2 M/T on each car. 24 x 500 dropped on this target with 2 direct hits on center of train and 8 near misses. 10 cars destroyed, 15 M/T destroyed, 10 cars dam, 12 M/T damaged. Strafed 4 M/T going N on Road E of R-2734. 2 M/T damaged.

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Oprep A No. 173 for 24 hours ending Sunset 6 February 1945 (Cont'd).

A. Strafed and damaged 1 light flak position at SE edge of Seltz. Strafed train with 2 locos and 20 boxcars at R-201200. 2 locos and 5 cars dam. Strefed 1 loco and 25 cars with 1 to 2 M/T on each car going N et Ackern, 1 loco and 10 M/T dam. Flak, moderate, inaccurate, heavy and light at Seltz, weak, light at R-2000. Weather, 2 cloud layers, 10/10 at 14,000' 6/10 base from 2000' tops at 6,000' in target area. T.O.T. 0845-0930, T.D. 1050.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47' Cat "E" Belly landed, lack of fuel due to weather.
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 24:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 14,244 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M-103 nose, M-101A2 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 15; (C) 24 3. (C) 3; 4. (A) 10; (C) 14 6. (C) 1

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 6 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. Feb 6 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 6 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 8

1. No. Off 1 B-26 Time Up 08:25 Time Down 09:25 Total Hours 1:00

2. *a.* Type Mission: Weather Mission *b.* Escorted by:

3. Weather: See Results.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target: (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

RESULTS: Overcast 9/10 500 feet tops unknown. Lower broken 2,000 tops 4,500 feet to 5,500 feet.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	3,300	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 113 for 24 hours ending sunset, 6 February, '45. SECRET

OPERATIONS NO. 3696, TR/19/6/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0800-1005. To recce Strassbourg-Haguenau-Bitche-Landau-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north R-116295. 2 MT mvg. east into Bergzabern. 4 MT mvg. north into Bergzabern/ 5 MT stationary in Bergzabern facing both NE and SW. 1 MT mvg. NE out of Bergzabern. 1 MT mvg. north out of Bergzabern. 1 MT mvg. east out of Bergzabern. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-0950. WEATHER: 10/10 4000' Hardt Mts. 4/10 5000' Rhine valley north os Strassbourg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Haguenau. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3697, TR/1/6/1.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0800-1020. To recce Saargemund-Strassbourg-Karlsruhe-Speyer area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 locomotive with steam up stationary facing north W-1795. 1 train with 30 boxcars stationary facing south and 1 train with 20 boxcars stationary steam up facing north at Achern. (Called to controller, and F/B's were sent..1 locomotive appeared destroyed, the other damaged). 1 locomotive steam up stationary facing SE at R-3621. 1 locomotive, with 50-60 boxcars stationary facing south steam up R-4636. 3 locomotives steam up stationary in south Karlsruhe M/Y..all called to controller. 1 train 30 boxcars stationary steam up facing east between Karlsruhe and Durlach. 2 locomotives (1 mvg. south with 45 boxcars, the other stationary with 10 plus boxcars facing south. Called to controller...seen at 0900-1000 hrs. ENEMY AIR: 20 ME-109's just north of Karlsruhe headed east on deck. Pursued our mission, but there was no contact at 1000 hrs. They had dark camouflage. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Karlsruhe. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Speyer. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-1000. WEATHER: 9/10 3-4000' Hardt Mts. and Saar basin. 8/10 Rhine valley from Germersheim to N. 2-3/10 Rhine valley Germersheim-S.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Speyer. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3698, TR/27/6/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0800-1020. To recce Karlsruhe-Seltz-Landau-Neustadt-Speyer-Haguenau. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train, with a locomotive on each end, steam up 50 flat cars loaded with about 100 MT in M/Y at Seltz. 10 MT stationary facing north at R-3344..called F/B's, who hit MT. 100 boxcars in M/Y at Landau. 2 locomotives with steam up in M/Y at Neustadt. 1 large MT mvg. SW in M/Y at R-4688. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg. north out of M/Y at R-4688. 250 boxcars o NE track from R-4688 to Speyer. Bridge at Speyer intact. 50 boxcars with red crosses in M/Y at Speyer. Briges at Germersheim and Karlsruhe intact. 2 barges stationary in canal at R-4446. 2 large MT stationary facing north at R-0632. 50 boxcars on siding at R-2468. Led another flight of F/B's to the train at R-2836, observed train burning. 10 MT mvg. north at R-2838. F/B's called. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-1000. WEATHER: 1/10 4-5000' Karlsruhe- iessembourg. 8/10 3500'-6000' Hardt Mts.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe-Haguenau. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3699, TR/15/6/6.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0805-0950. To recce Colmar-Neuenburg-Neu Breisach area. OBSERVATIONS: Appears to be bomb damage to east and west approaches to Neuenburg bridge. 2 barges and 5 pontoons tied to east bank of Rhine at V-8716. Pontoons were tied together, and were tied to barges. Bridge at V-759124 is out. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate from wooded area NE of Mulhouse. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0930. WEATHER: 6-8/10 from 6-8000' W of Rhine Colmar area/ 10/10 2500'-7000' east of Rhine in Rhine valley.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii),2 attacking Colmar-Neuenburg area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3700, TR/7/6/4.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0900-1030. To recce Saargemund-Bingen-area. OBSERVATIONS: None because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0915-1015. WEATHER: 10/10 7000'. 9/10 13000' Saar basin-Bingen.
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OPERATIONS NO. 3700 (CONT'D.)

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Bingen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3701, TR/16/6/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0925-1000. To recce Colmar area. OBSERVATIONS: None because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY AIR: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0940-0945. WEATHER: 10/10 500' vis. 1/2 mile.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Colmar area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hour and 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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For the Commanding Officer:

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

6 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM : 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREF A NO. 144 for twenty four hours ending sunset 6 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 371 (TR/4/6/16)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0750-1020. To recce in "Route 2". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y at Q-5476 1/3 full, NMS. 2 M/T moving N at Q-7188. M/Y at Zweibrucken 3/4 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-1000. WEATHER: 10/10 base--2000, tops---5000, N of L-7505. 7/10 S of Mannheim in Rhine Valley to Karlsruhe.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking "Route 2". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 5:00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 372 (TR/9/6/19)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0800-1000. To recce on "Route 4". OBSERVATIONS: 6 locos, S/U, M/Y E part of Karlsruhe, M/Y 1/2 full. 1 train, 40 box cars mvg E at R-6540--called controller. 1 Train 12 pass cars mvg E at R-8540-- could not get controller. 1 train 12 pass cars mvg E at R-8540--called controller. A/F Sachsenheim appears serv, NMS. 1 train 20 pass cars STAT, facing NE in M/Y at Heilbronn. M/Y 1/2 full, 6 barges, each 40 ft. long, STAT, at S-0961. RR and HWY bridge at R-4148 serv. 8 pontoons NE bank at R-3440. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, S-0341; S-I-H at Pforzheim. PHOTOS: V of A/F R-9741, 5000', 360° at 0850.; V of bridge R-4148 5000', 180°, at 0920. RADIO CONTACT; Good. TIME-OVER AREA: 0829-0920. WEATHER: S part hvy haze, N part 10/10.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0800-1000 (ii) 2 attacking "Route 4". (iii-vii) Nil (viii)2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 373 (TR/12/6/22)

A. 2 F6Ds from 0800-1000. To recce in "Route 5". OBSERVATIONS: 30 parked box-cars at W-0256. Hospital train, 20 cars moving N into Kenzingen, (W-0255). 20 plus box cars at W-0256. P-47s straffed Kenzingen and 20 cars at W-0256, causing large fire in town and setting 2 box cars on fire. 40 plus box cars on siding at W-0362. No a/c or activity on A/D at W-0474. M/Y at Offenburg 1/3 full, NMS. P-47s bombed and straffed M/Y at Offenburg setting 2 or 3 cars on fire. RR bridge at W-2368 serv. NMS on Rhine River from Strassbourg to Breisach. Rest of area un-observed because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-0945. WEATHER: 10/10 over E part of area deck to 6500. 5/10 tops--5500, base--2500 over Rhine Valley.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking "Route 5" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hrs. G.Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii)Nil H.Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 374 (TR/23/6/25)

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0810-1010. To recce in "Area C". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 30 box cars, S/U, STAT, facing E, in M/Y at Saarbrucken. 1 Switch-engine working and M/Y 1/3 full, at Saarbrucken. 1 M/Y moving E at Q-5366. 2 Trains 60 box-cars each, S/U, STAT, facing E and 3 switch engines working in M/Y S edge of Kaiserlautern--M/Y 1/4 full. 1 Train, 30 box cars, moving N into Neustadt: M/Y at Landau appears unserv., with several cars overturned. NMS Hagenau. Large permanent dump at W edge of Hagenau. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 0825-0945 WEATHER: W of Rhine Valley N of Strassbourg 10/10 with occasional breaks from deck to 5500'. Rhine Valley 5/10.

B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking "Area C". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.

C. Nil
D. 4:00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 375 (TR/25/6/27)

A. 2 F6Cs from 0925-1015. To recce in "Area C" OBSERVATIONS: NMS on RR between Q-3575 and Saarlautern. Saarlautern factories appear inactive. Recalled to base by Baggage controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO - CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0950-1000. WEATHER: 10/10 at 3500 ft. over entire area.

B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.

C. Nil
D. 1:40 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 312 for 24 hours ending sunset
6 February 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: 2/6/45 SECRET

OPREP A No 540 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 6, 1945

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augsburger

HAROLD F. AUGSBURGER, O
Major, A. C.,
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U.S.ARMY
6 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 270.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 270 for 24 hours ending sunset 5 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY S. [illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
5 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 5 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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8 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 5 February 1945.

2. Oprep NO. 204.

For the Group Commander:

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JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

6 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET

1. Oprep A No. 170 for 24 hours ending Sunset 5 February 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17Th BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 FEB. 1945 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. no Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Koblin Jr.
Signature

W. L. KOBLIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 112 for 24 hours ending sunset, 5 February, '45. SECRET

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

5 February 1945

TO : Com manding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

REF : [redacted] C R E T

OPREP A. No. 143 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 5 February 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 311 for 24 hours ending sunset
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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov.) APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 2/5/45

OPREP A No. 539 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 5, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger

HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER, J
Major, A. C.,
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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
7 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 271.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 271 for 24 hours ending sunset 6 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 40-1, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-90 at 0810 hours, 6 February 1945, Lt. Scott leading. 16 P47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted, 1 due to radio malfunction and 1 due to oil leak. Two aborting aircraft landed at 0820 hours, and 0828 hours respectively. Controller ordered squadron to jettison bombs in Breisach area and return to base. 16 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs were dropped in the marshalling yards at Breisach. 2 direct hits were observed in the marshalling yard. 4 hits in the town destroyed 2 buildings. At Kenzinger, squadron strafed and destroyed 3 m/t's and 1 horse drawn vehicle - also strafed 12 box cars and 6 gondola cars, damaging 6 box cars and 6 gondola cars. 2 m/t's and 1 armored vehicle strafed and destroyed on the road S of Kenzinger, W-0405. 2 bombs jettisoned at W-5728 and 2 returned to base. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate, flak on railroad S of Freiburg. 5 aircraft landed at A -90. Time down at A-90, 1007 hours.

B. 1. 16 x P47D's.
2. 14 completed mission.
3. 2-R-1 radio out.
1 oil leak.
4 thru 7, None.
8. 14 sorties.
C. 1. 5 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 3 jettisoned.
D. 1. 24,000 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 30,400 x .50 cal.
2. 21,400.
3. None.
F. 1. 20 x 500 lb. G.P. Instant fusing.
2. 16 expended.
3. 2 jettisoned.
4. 2 returned to base.
G and H, None.
I. Other Claims - On Ground.
M/Y at Breisach damaged.
4 buildings at Breisach destroyed.
3 M/T's and 1 horse drawn vehicles destroyed at Kenzinger.
6 box cars and 6 gondola cars damaged at Kenzinger.
2 M/T's and 1 armored vehicle destroyed at W-0405.

For the Group Commander:

Henry B. Zoo
HENRY B. ZOO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
5 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 269.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 269 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 2, 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0828 hours, 4 February 1945, Lt. Center leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs on a railroad at V-940212. 2 near misses were scored. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped at V-972247, 2 near misses caused some damage to the railroad tracks. Squadron strafed and destroyed 4 buildings at V-934202, 3 buildings were also damaged. Aborting aircraft jettisoned 2 x 500 lb. bombs at V-580230. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered at V-780110, V-945215. Time down at A-96, 1005 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0840 hours, 4 February 1945, Lt. Hamilton leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. G.P. bombs on a railroad station at W-2664 and W-260645. 1 railcut was scored, 1 large building was destroyed and 1 transformer destroyed. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1018 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0852 hours, 4 February 1945, Lt. Hutchings leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron reached bomb line but were ordered back by ground controller due to overcast. 24 x 500 lb. bombs were returned to the base. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 0952 hours.

B. 1. 46 x P47D's.
2. 43 completed mission.
3. 3-C-Radio out.
4. thru 7, None.
8. 43 sorties.

C. 1. 12 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. None.

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D. 1. 60:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 87,400 x .50 cal.
2. 460 espended.
3. None.

F. 1. 70 x 500 lb. G.P. Normal fusing.
2. 44.
3. 2.
4. 24 returned to base.

G, and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On the Ground.

4 buildings destroyed, 4 buildings damaged at V-934202.
1 railcut, 1 building destroyed, 1 transformer destroyed at W-2664.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY D. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
4 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 4 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2636

12 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0800 down at 0930, target town of Offwiller at 0855345. T.O.T. 0845, bomb run to 1000', 34 hits in town, results 7 buildings destroyed, 2 road blocks. 1 hit at Q-7842 results unobserved. Weather 10/10ths, 7000' all along route. 7/10ths to 3000' target area. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 11 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2637

12 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0750 down at 0930, target, Neu Breisach bridge. T.O.T. 0835, bomb run to 1500', 3 hits in center of bridge, rail cut & bridge damaged, 2 near misses. 7 hits in river, 2 hits on W. approach, rail cut, 8 hits E. of river, 3 hits into Breisach, 2 hits E. approach to bridge, 3 hits in town at V-935383, road block. 5 rockets at bridge, results unobserved, 10 rockets & strafed at V-850300, no results observed, 1 bomb at V-845300, no claims, 2 bombs in Heiteran, 2 buildings damaged. Moderate HAA at bridge also scant LAA. Weather CAVU, 10/10ths, 2000' up N. of Breisach. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 4 B (i) 24
(ii) 24
(vii) 1 Flak, Cat. #1
(viii) 24

Note 5 D (i) 38:00

Note 6 E (i) 48,000
(ii) 3,880

Note 7 F (i) 48 x 500 lb GP
20 x 100 lb Phos.
(ii) 48 x 500 lb GP
20 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
Mt		1
RR bridge		1
Buildings	7	2
	Complete	Partial
Road block	3	
RR cuts	2	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Munzie
JACK H. MUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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6 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 203 for the period ending Sunset 4 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16, and 17. Dive-bombing and armed reconnaissance missions.

A. (A.O. 15) 11 P-47s of 366th Squadron, dispatched at 0822 hours, to dive-bomb bridge and perform armed recce. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Wehr to Rottweil to base. T.O.T. 0900-0940 hours. 8 x 1000 #GPs dropped on M/Y at Donaushingen at W-5728. There were 5-6 locos, with steam up, and 50 cars in the yard. Claim 5-6 destroyed, 2 locos damaged, and 1 M/Y damaged. 8 x 1000# GPs dropped on M/Y at Rottweil, W-6753/ There were 4 locos, steam up, in the roundhouse and 25 cars in yard. 7 of the bombs fell in the yard itself with 2 hits on the roundhouse, 2 hits in the cars. Claim 4 cars destroyed, 2 locos damaged, and 1 M/Y damaged. 6 x 1000# GPs dropped on a 6-span RR concrete bridge at W-6850. Two bombs exploded in mid-air after hitting bridge; 1 bomb hit embankment of bridge, damaging it. 3 bombs hit double tracks cutting both RR tracks at 2 different points. Unable to hit primary target because of weather. Flak: weak, heavy, at Y-7724; 1 light flak gun at W-5728; intense, light at W-6755. No E/A encountered. 1 P-47 damaged, cat 1, flak. Time down: 1015 hours. Weather: 10/10ths base, 9,000 ft., tops unknown; 3/10 at 1 - 3000 ft; heavy ground fog in all valleys; visibility 8-10 miles.

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(A.O. 16) 8 P-47s of 365th Squadron, dispatched at 0820 hours to perform dive-bombing and armed recce mission. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000SAP (spike)bombs. Followed route of base to target (W-251244) to base. T.O.T. 0910-0935. Observations: at W-1730, 1 loco and 10 box cars moving East; at W-3623, 2 locos, steam up, and 20 box cars in M/Y, however no trains were made up. 16 x 1000 SAP bombs on RR bridge at W-251244, but bridge still intact. However 1 rail was cut on the Eastern approach to the bridge and another rail was cut on the Western approach. A bomb which fell at W-255241 also resulted in a rail cut. Two bombs were near misses at the base of the middle section of the bridge. At W-312227, 1 loco and 10 box cars were strafed; and 20 other cars in the M/Y were also strafed. Claim 1 loco and 10 cars damaged. There was also a small explosion with one building being damaged. 8 Bogies were observed going North at 0910 hours, at 8,000 ft, 8 miles East of target; but no other E/A were encountered. No losses. 1 P-47 was damaged, cat 2., as a result of a landing accident. Time down: 1010 hours. Flak: at W-2027, Scant, heavy; at W-2524, scant, light. Weather: target area 10/10, base 11,000 ft., tops unknown; Some scud 2000 - 3000 ft; visibility 10 miles.

(A.O. 17) 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron, dispatched at 0832 hours to perform dive-bombing of RR bridge at W-149849, and armed recce of Rastatt, Bretton, Edenkoben. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 GP bombs. Followed route of base to Offenburg to base. T.O.T.0915 hours. Observations: one train moving S into Offenburg M/Y at 0915 hours, with unknown number of cars; one train moving N. out of Offenburg M/Y at 0915 hours, with unknown number of cars; 6 locos in Offenburg M/Y. 14 x 1000 GPs dropped on Offenburg M/Y, since cloud cover prevented attack on assigned target. Direct hits destroyed one Loco and 20 cars and damaged M/Y. Hits were concentrated near choke point in North end of yard. The walk bridge over the M/Y was also damaged by a bomb hit and 1 locomotive there was damaged by strafing. 8 GPs were dropped on a one-span steel girder RR bridge over the canal at W-240928. Several near misses might possibly have damaged the bridge. However, no claims are made on the bridge. Flak was nil. No E/A encountered and no losses. Time down: 1000 hours, Weather: clear, 10/10 clouds, base 10,000 ft.; Ground fog very dense; visibility, 10 miles.

B. (1) 30 P-47s dispatched.

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(ii) 4 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at Rottweil, W-6753.
3 A/C dropped bombs on a 5 span-RR concrete bridge at W-6850.
4 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at Donaushingen at W-5728.
8 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at W-251244,
7 A/C dropped bombs on Offenburg M/Y.
4 A/C dropped bombs on a one-span steel girder RR bridge over canal at W-240928.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged; 1 a/c by flak, cat, 1; 1 a/c damaged as a result of a landing accident, category 2.
(viii) 30

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 57:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 72,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 8,780 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 44 - 1000# GP bombs, fused-noseM103; tail-M102.
16 - 1000# SAP bombs, fused M 16 (8-11 sec.)
(ii) 44 - 1000# GPs and 16 - 1000 SAPs expended as follows;-
8 GPs on M/Y at Donaushingen, at W-5728.
8 GPs on M/Y at Rottweil, W-6753.
6 GPs on a 6 span-RR concrete bridge at W-6850.
14 GPs on Offenburg M/Y.
8 GPs on a one-span steel girder RR bridge over the canal at W-240928.
16 SAP bombs on RR bridge at W-251244.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 6

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 34
c) Damaged, 10

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 2

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9. Building s,
c) Damaged, 1

11. Railroads-cut, 7

14. M/Y attacked, c) Damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

5 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : SECRET
Oprep A No. 167 for 24 hours ending Sunset 4 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Capt. Siegrist, took off at 0826 on a close support mission with "Allsquare" and then perform recce in Area 9. Sq. was unable to contact "Allsquare", however, "Allsquare Queen" sent Sq. to bomb bridge at Brisach. 24 x 500 and 10 x 100 WP on bridge. 2 hits on E end, 1 bridge dam. 1 roadblock hit 100 ft. from E end of bridge. Weak inaccurate light flak encountered at V-8947 and V-8949. 10/10 clouds prevailed at 8,000', vis good but closing in. T.O.T. 0845-0925, T.D. 0957.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 12

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 20:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,100 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A1 tail, 10x100 WP AN M126 ND.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " 10x100 " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 5. (C) 1.
10. (A) 1.

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Oprep A No. 168 for 24 hours ending Sunset 4 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 0843 on a close support mission with "Allsquare" and then perform recce in area 9. "Allsquare" R/T very weak sent Sq. to "Allsquare" Queen" who assigned a M/Y at Neuf Brisach. 20 x 500 and 9 x 100 in target area. 50 boxcars and 1 loco observed. 16 boxcars destroyed, 10 damaged, 1 bldg. dest. 3 x 500 and 2 x 100 misses. 4 x 500 and 2 x 100 dropped just E of M/Y, 1 bldg. dam. 1 x 100 WP jettisoned at V-2878 - Exploded. Intense accurate light flak encountered at Neuf Brisach; also moderate inaccurate light at V-915305. Ceiling 9000-1000' - thin clouds at 1,000'. T.O.T. 0900, T.D. 0945.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 2 P-47's Cat "A" Flak.
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 13:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 160 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 G.P. M103 nose, M101Al tail, 12x100 WP AN M126Al.
(ii) 24x500 " " " " " 11x100 " " "
(iii) 1x100 " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 16; (C) 10 9. (A) 1. (C) 1 14 --- 1

Oprep A No. 169 for 24 hours ending Sunset 4 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Delaney, took off at 0852 on a close support mission with "Allsquare" and then recce area 9. Sq. contacted "Allsquare Queen" who gave C/R at V-849360. 20 x 500 and 9 x 100 dropped in target area. 2 road blocks. 2 x 500 and 1 x 260 frags. jet. safe at Z-8888, 1 x 100 WP ret to base. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Neuf Brisach. 8/10 at 2000' in target area, vis. excellent; 10/10 at 12,000' T.O.T. 0910, T.D. 1000.

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B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL, (c) 1-Engine-fumes in cockpit.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 16;15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,168 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22x500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 10x100 WP, 1x260 Frags Inst.
(ii) 20x500 " " " " " 9x100 "
(iii) 2x500 " " " " " 1x260 " "
(iv) Nil (1 x 100 WP returned to base).

G. and H. NIL

I. 10. (A) 2.

For the Commanding Officer:

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 4 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 4 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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W. L. KORBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 111 for 24 hours ending sunset, 4 February, '45. [redacted]ST.
NO MISSION. OPERATIONS NO. 3695, TR/9/4/5. ABORTIVE.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0850-0925.
B. (iii) Mission abortive due to weather.
C. Nil. D. 1 hour and 10 min. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. NIl. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

4 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 142 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 4 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 370 (TR/15/4/15)

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0905-0930. To weather recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: GOOD. TIME OVER AREA: NIL. WEATHER: A/D Area 5,000' overcast - low scattered clouds at 2,000'.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) NIL.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 0.50 mins. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 310 for 24 hours ending sunset
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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron

REF: 2/4/45 S E C R E T

OPREP A No538 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, Frbruary 4, 1945.

A. One Beaufighter airborne on intruder from 18:00 to 19:30. Aircraft crashed while making an approach for landing.

B. (i) One Beaufighter Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) One
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) Crashed - On down-wind leg crashed into side of hill; 300 foot ceiling. A/C No V-8561
(vii) None
(viii) One

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D (i) None
(ii) 01:30

E. (i) 6,000 x .303
1,000 x 20MM

(ii) None
(iii) 6,000 x .303
1,000 x 20MM

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. 1 P - Killed
1 R/O - Killed

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U.S. ARMY
2 February 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 266.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 266 for 24 hours ending sunset the 1st of February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HERMAN B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
1 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 1 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2618

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0745 down at 0930. Target, town of Artzenheim at V-855463. T.O.T. 0820, bomb run to 1000', 7 hits W, 2 hits E. of town, 22 hits in town. Results unobserved. Flight then recced Route #5. 3 A/C strafed loco & 5 cars at W-095759. 1 loco damaged, 1 car destroyed. Moderate to intense LAA & Auto weapons fire from all small towns between Breisach & Marckolsheim. Intense LAA at V-900445. Weather 8/10ths base 5500' West of Rhine. E. of Rhine 10/10ths base 8000'. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. 1 A/C damaged landing, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2619

7 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0800 down at 0945. Target, Beisheim at V-855380. T.O.T. 0825, bomb run to 3000', 19 hits in town, results 1 large explosion, 2 buildings destroyed. Flight then recced Route #5. Intense HAA at V-8040, intense LAA at target. Weather 9/10ths base 12,000' at target, 10/10ths base at 6000' E. of Rhine. Rhine valley clear to Strausbourg. 1 A/C damaged landing Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 500 lb Incd., 5 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2620

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0820 down at 1020. Target, approach to road bridge at V-817438. T.O.T. 0900, bomb run to 2000', 23 hits E. of target, many in town of Baltzenheim at V-817438. Results, 10 buildings destroyed & 3 fires. Intense HAA from target area, moderate accurate LAA at target. Weather, target area clear from base to target, 3/10ths to 5/10ths base 1200'. 3 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 5 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 4 B	(i)	31	
	(ii)	27	
	(iii) c.	3	
	d.	1	
	(vii)	3	2 landing Cat. #1
			1 by flak Cat. #1
	(viii)	28	
C	(i)	1	75 gal.
	(ii)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	52:05	
Note 6 E	(i)	62,000	
	(ii)	1,860	

Note 7 F (i) 60 x 500 GP
2 x 500 Incd.
24 x 100 Phos.
(ii) 52 x 500 GP
2 x 500 Incd.
19 x 100 Phos.
(iii) 6 x 500 GP
3 x 100 Phos.
(Returned 2 x 500 GP and 2 x 100 Phos. to base).

For the Group Commander:

Jack H Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps
Ass't Statistic

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 200 for the period ending Sunset 1 February 1945.

4. Operation No. A.O. 15, 16 and 17. Dive-bombing and armed recce missions.

A. (A.O. 15) 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0834 hours to perform dive-bombing and armed recce mission. Each A/c carried 3 x 500 GP bombs, 4-5 sec. Followed route of base to Strasbourg-Landau area to base. Baggage called Squadron leader after set course and told him to go to Landau area and to look for M/T and rail movement. Proceeded to area and about ready to start looking for targets through hole in overcast when called that recall came thru. All bombs were returned to base. No flak. No E/A encountered, No claims, no losses. Over target area: 0900-0910 hours. Down: 0930 hours. Weather: Over target area weather looked as if breaking up. En route to target area, 10/10ths from zero to 4,000 ft, visibility nil; another layer of cloud, 10/10ths, from 5,000 to 6,000 feet, with visibility between layers 6 miles.
(A.O. 16) 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0845 hours to perform dive-bombing and armed reconnaissance mission. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 # GP bombs. P/T was RR bridge at R-988829. Mission recalled by Baggage when squadron was approximately 25 miles east of home field. Time down 0955 hours.
(A.O. 17) 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0857 hours on armed reconnaissance mission. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs. Squadron was recalled beacuse of bad weather. Time down 0935 hours.

B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) Nil

(iii) 36 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Weather, 36 a/c recalled.

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(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 36:20
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 86,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 48 - 1000# GP bombs,
36 - 500# GP bombs, 4-5 sec. fuse.
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

2 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted] SECRET
Oprep A No. 153 for 24 hours ending Sunset 1 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 153 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Martin, took off at 0806 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" or to hit alternate target, at R-7505 and R-7415. Sq. contacted "Halfbake", "Baggage" ordered flight to recce in Landau area for M/T and rail movement. Weather in Landau are prevented observation. Baggage told Sq. to return to base. 16 x 500 dropped in area of R-0060 thru overcast. 8 safe, 8 armed dropped, NRO. 2 x 500 jet. safe at Z-6585 and 2 x 500 jet safe at V-5595. Weather from Saarbourg to Base, 10/10 500-4,000'; from Landau, 8/10 from 3-6,000', snow and rain; around Hagenau to N. Colmar, 5/10 at 4,000'. T.O.T. 0915, T.D. 1015.

B. (i) 10 P-47's
(ii) Nil
(iii) (a) 8, (b) and (d) NIL, (c) 2-1-Prop Governor out. 1-Instruments, manifold pressure guage out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 8

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

G. NIL
H. NIL

D. (i) 22:55 hours.
(ii) Nil

I. NIL

E. (i) 20,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 20 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) Nil
(iii) 20 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st. 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 Feb. 1945 Mission No. No mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : Mission cancelled(weather)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No. Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 108 for 24 hours ending sunset, 1 February, '45. SECRET.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer;

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

1 February 1945

TO: Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF: [redacted]

OPREP A. NO. 139 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 1 February 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No:307 for 24 hours ending sunset
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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO [redacted]

REF: Febuary 1, 1945

OPREP A No 535 for the 24 hoursending Sunset, 1 February, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 201 for the period ending Sunset 2 February 1945.

4. Operation No. A.O. 15, 18, 19, 21 and 22. Dive-bombing and armed recce Missions.

A. A.O. 15 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0759 hours to perform dive-bombing mission of rail bridge at S-059713 and armed recce of Eberbach, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 GP bombs. 1 P-47 crshed on take-off, Cat 3. pilot O.K., but no other loss or damage of our A/C. Followed route of base to target to Germersheim to Base. Flak was moderate, light at S-059713; moderate, light at S-072639. An airfield was observed at S-095710, with a camouflaged area on the Northern side. At S-089640, alarge, well, camouflaged factory was observed. Observation indicates a possible concentration of M/Ts and/or tanks at R-4253. 30 barges observed in the immediate vicinity of Neckgartach at S-070645. 4 bombs dropped on RR bridge at S-059713; direct hits destroyed eastern span which collapsed into the water. 2 bombs dropped in M/Y at Jagstfeld (S-0671) as a result, the RR was cut in three places and the M/Y damaged. 16 bombs were dropped on the road bridge at S-071664, of which 6 hits in the town destroyed 6 buildings. The western appraoch to the bridge was cut by a direct hit, but no damage to the bridge itself. At S-1178, 20 freight cars, including 10 tanks cars were strafed with 10 cars damaged. At S-0977, 12 cars were strafed, with 3 being damaged. 1 Me-109 was seen flying North at 3000 ft at 0910 hours at Bad Wimpen. No other E/A encountered; no further claims. Over target; 0910 hu hours. Time down: 1036 hours. Weather: 8/10 to 10/10, base 11,000 ft, visibility unlimited.

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A.O.18 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron, carrying 6 x 1000 SAP bombs and 18 x 1000 GP bombs, dispatched at 1100 hours to perform D/B and A/R mission. Followed route of base to P/T -- RR bridge at R-988829 -- to base. 4 GP bombs were jettisoned safe at Q-7950, when 1 P-47 was hit by flak (Cat 2) and another acted as escort. At R-9983, flak was light, scant; at Bitche, heavy, scant and light, moderate; at Wisembourg, at R-5767, and at R-8561, flak was heavy moderate. At R-5567, 1 locomotive and 25 box cars were seen headed North. At R-0387, 1 locomotive and 30 oil and box cars were seen headed SW. 14 x 1000 GP bombs and 6 x 1000 SAP bombs dropped on P/T at R-988829. 2 bombs fell in the river next to the bridge. 4 fell along side of centre piling. 8 fell on west bank and 6 on east bank. Bridge was not damaged. No E/A encountered. Over target: 1135-1215 hrs. Down: 1300 hrs. Weather: 8/10ths, base 16,000 ft. tops unknown, visibility excellent.

A.O.19 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0735 hours to perform D/B and A/R mission. A/C carried 8 x 1000 SAP bombs and 16 x 1000 GP bombs. 1 GP bomb hung up and jettisoned safe at V-5398. Followed route of base to RR bridge at R-988829 (Primary target) to Bietigheim, Karlsruhe, to base, Flak was light moderate at R-9983, heavy sanct at R-5063; heavy, scant at R-4058; heavy scant at Q-9147; heavy scant at Wi sembourg. Over target; 0825-0935 hours. Following observations were made: At Landau, 2 locos, steam up, in M/Y; at Bruschal, fires in M/Y; at Karlsruhe, 5 locos, steam up, M/Y 1/4 full of cars; at R-500705, 2 locos, 15-20 box cars each, 1 headed E. and 1 headed W.; At R-4837, 1 loco, with 8 car, headed S.; at S-0763, 4 barges moored; at S-0866, 12 barges moored; on river frm R-9983 to S-0967, 30 to 40 barges moored; at R-4664, 4 barges moored on S. bank. 8 x 1000 SAP bombs and 15 x 1000 GP bombs dropped on P/T, RR bridge at R-988829. 4 very near misses on east bank. 2 fell in water under bridge. 4 near misses on W.bank 1 fell along side of 3rd buttress from East and buttress was damaged. 2 fell in RR siding and damaged same. 2 fell at R-992839 on truck and rail was cut. 8 fell in building area near bridge and as a result claim 2 buildings destroyed and 4 bldgs damaged. at R-922708, 1 loco with 12 box cars was strafed with claims as follows, 1 loco damaged and 10 cars damaged. At R-940712, 1 loco was strafed and damaged. At R-855715, 3 oil cars and 4 box cars were strafed, claim 2 each damaged, 2 storage tanks were strafed claim 2 damaged, 1 factory bldg was strafed, claimed damaged, fire started. E/A nil. Time over target 0825-0935. 1-A/C category 3 flak bellied in Y-2 pilot ok. Weather: 8/10ths, 9000 base, top unknown, visibility excellent, Time down 1010.

12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1125 hours to D/B RR bridge at R-988829, and carry out A/R Eberbach, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Route flown; Base to target toneilbronn to base. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 GPs. Time over target 1215-1245. Following observations were made; 5 locos steam up, observed in M/Y at Pforzheim. 3 locos

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steam up, in M/Y at R-2249, this information was called in to Baggage. Bridge at S-059713 observed to have East span completely knocked out. 19 x 1000 GPs were dropped on bridge at R-989829, near misses, numerous; no claim made on bridge. RR tracks were cut just short of the bridge at R-988829 and one bomb scored a direct hit on a barge in the river, claim one barge destroyed. 1 bomb was jettisoned (armed) in the vicinity of Ettlingen, no results observed. 3 barges strafed at R-988825, with claims of 3 damaged. 3 barges strafed at R-989835, Loco and 20 cars moving south-west at S-0774, was strafed with claim of 1 loco damaged. Flak: Light, moderate, inaccurate at R-985845, Heavy, scant, accurate at R-2038. 4 bombs returned to base by two abortive A/C (radio) E/A nil. 1 A/C damagedby flak category 1. Weather; Low clouds, a 2 to 4/10s, base 2,000, tops 2300, high clouds, 7 to 8/10s, base 20,000 tops 21,000, visibility unlimited. Time down 1342.

A.C.21 10 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1340 to Dive bomb bridge at R-9883. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 GPs. Route flown: Base to Bitche to Heilbronn. R-9833, to base. "Baggage" contacted squadron and told them to go to Heilbronn M/Y, to look for train with flat cars, with tanks and M/Ts on them. Squadron did not see them. Saw 50 plus box cars, 4 locos with steam up. All bombs dropped in M/Y with following claims, 10 cars destroyed, 22 cars and 4 locos damaged, 6 buildings destroyed, 1 M/T damaged. Also strafed and damaged 8 barges in river. Observations: Camouflage installations seen at S-0563. Bridge at R-9883 still intact. East span on bridge at S-0671 down. A/D at S-1071 (Odheim) runnways cleaned no A/C visible. Train crossing bridge at Speyer, headed east 50-60 box cars. Train going east at R-6061, 15-20 box cars, this information called to Baggage. Heilbronn roundhouse has 1 loco in it. Flak: Intense, light at R-5262, scant, light at Heilbronn, moderate, light at S-6708, scant, heavy at R-4060. Time over target 1445-1531. 1 A/C damaged by flak category 3, hit over Heilbronn. No E/A encountered. Weather: Target area 8/10 to 10/10 thin at 15,000, visibility 5-8 miles. Bitche 2/10 - 3/10, 8,000 - 8100 visibility 3 miles. Time down 1640.

A/C.22 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1455 on Dive bombing of RR bridge at R-988829, and Armed Recce Eberbach, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000# GPs. Route flown: Base to Neustadt to base. Time over target 1545-1610. "Baggage" contacted squadron and told them to bomb Neustadt M/Y where he reported 150 flat cars loaded with M/T, also locos steam up. 24 x 1000# GPs were dropped on Neustadt M/Y, 11 direct hits among cars, claim 40 cars destroyed and rail cuts at numerous points including the choke point at south end of yard, claim M/Y damaged. 2 bldgs damaged by near misses. 4 light gun positions at R-305855 strafed claim damaged. Observations; Neustadt M/Y 3/4 full. Camouflaged factory at R-315853. Flak: Intense, light and moderate, heavy at Neustadt M/Y also barrage. E/A nil. Weather: No cloud, visibility unlimited. Time down 1650.

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B. (i) 70 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 2 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at S-059713.
1 A/C dropped bombs in M/Y at Jagstfeld.(S-0671).
8 A/C dropped bombs on road bridge at S-071664.
10 A/C dropped bombs on P/T at R-988829, RR Bridge.
12 A/C dropped bombs on P/T, RR bridge, at R-988829.
10 A/C dropped bombs on bridge at R-989829.
10 A/C dropped bombs in M/Y , Heilbronn, R-9833.
12 A/C dropped bombs on Neustadt M/Y.
65 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 5 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 a/c radio;
c) 1 a/c crash-landed take-off; 1 a/c battle damage, and 1 a/c escort.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 4 P-47s damaged by fla k; 1 Cat 1; 1 cat 2; 1 cat 3, and 1 a/c category 3, bellied in at Y-2.
(viii) 67

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 162:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 168,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 21,085 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 126 - 1000# GP bombs, fused - nose M103; tail M102.
14 - 1000# SAP bombs, fused-nosed M103; tail M114.
(ii) 114 - 1000# GPs and 14- 1000# SAP bombs expended as follows;
4 bombs on RR bridge at S-059713.
2 bombs in M/Y at Jagstfeld S-0671.
14 bombs on road bridge at S-071664
2 bombs on bridge (road) at S-071664.
20 bombs on P/T at R-988829, RR bridge at this point.
23 bombs on P/T, RR bridge, at R-988829.
19 bombs on bridge at R-989829.
24 bombs in M/Y, Heilbroon.
20 bombs in M/Y Neustadt.
(iii) 6 GP 1000# bombs jettisoned, as follows:
4 jettisoned safe, at W-7950.
1 jettisoned safe at V-5398.
1 jettisoned armed in vicinity of Ettlingen,
(iv) Nil
6 - 1000# GP bombs returned to home base.

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G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 7

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 50
c) Damaged, 39

5. Bridges,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 1

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 4

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 14
c) Damaged, 9

10. Roads cut, 1

11. Railroads cut, 3

12. Barges and vessels,
a) Destroyed, 9
c) Damaged, 6

14. M/V attacked. c) Damaged, 3

17. Other claims, Storage tanks, c) Damaged, 2.

4. (2). Operations No. A.O. 24 and 25, Close cooperation Missions.

A. A.O. 24. 8 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1710 hours on close cooperation with All Square. Each aircraft carried 3 x 260# frags. In target area, 1730-1810 hours. All Square told squadron to recce east and south of Colmar. Too dark to observe anything. All Square then directed Squadron to Volgelsheim, V-8735, which was marked with white smoke. 21 of the frags were dropped on the town, which was also strafed; results not observed. 3 frags were returned, pilot failure (pilot was blinded over target on first bomb run, and did not have enough time for a second run). Flak: moderate light at V-8533, V-9238, V-9834; intense light at V-7218. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather in the Vosges, 5/10ths, 6,000-6,600 feet; in the target area, clear, with good visibility. Down at base, 1910 hours.

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A.O.25. 9 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1710 hours on close cooperation. Each aircraft carried 3 x 260# frags. Course flown was base to Neuf Brisach, to base. Squadron contacted All Square, who told the squadron to recce east and south of Colmar for M/T. It was too dark to observe anything. 7 frags dropped in canal at V-8035; two exploded, with one direct hit; no claims. 9 frags were dropped on town of Algesheim, at direction of All Square; results not observed. 10 frgas were dropped on town at V-9530, at direction of All Square; all hit in town, but results not observed. 1 frag was dropped on a four-gun light flak position at V-9032, which was also strafed; results not observed. Time over target area, 1740 - 1800 hours. Intense heavy and light flak was encountered at Neuf Brisach. No E/A. Losses, nil. Weather: 5/10ths, 14,000 feet, visibility unlimited. Down at base, 1830 hours.

B. (i) 17 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 7 A/C dropped bombs on town,of Volgelsheim, V-8735.
3 A/C dropped bombs in canal at V-8035.
3 A/C dropped bombs on town of Algosheim.
3 A/C dropped bombs on town at V-9530.
17 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 17

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 29:40
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 40,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 6,440 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 51 - 260# Frag bombs, fused tail, M100.
(ii) 48 - 260# Frag bombs expended as follows:-
21 on town of Volgelsheim, V-8735.
7 in canal at V-8035.
9 on town of Algosheim.
10 on town at V-9530.
1 on four-gun light flak position at V-9032.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
3 - 260# Frag bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 17. Other claims; towns c) Damaged, 1

4. (3) Operation No.: A.O. 20 and 23. Close cooperation Missions and Rail cutting missions.

A. A.O. 20 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1105 on close cooperation and Rail cutting mission. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GPs. Route flown: Base to Molsheim, Offenburg, W-6775, to base. Squadron was contacted by "Mikado" and told to recce area on East bank of Rhine from Strasbourg to Neuf Brisach, Claims by bombing: 4 bombs dropped on rails at W-0464 - both tracks cut by two direct hits, 2 misses. 3 bombs dropped on rails at W-1883 - both rails cut by two direct hits. 2 bombs dropped on rails at W-2965 -- both rails cut by two direct hits. 4 bombs dropped on rails at W-0566 -- both rails cut by direct hits -2 missed. 4 bombs dropped on tracks at W-6977 - both failed to explode. 6 bombs dropped on tracks at W-7077- 3 direct hits under road bridge cutting 2 sets of tracks -- 3 misses. 6 bombs dropped on rails at W-6878 - 6 misses. 4 bombs dropped on tracks at W-5185 -- 2 direct hits, both rails cut -- 2 failed to explode. 3 bombs dropped on tracks at W-5586 -- 3 misses. Claimes by strafings: 2 trucks carrying gasoline headed north at W-0363 strafed and destroyed. 1 staff car straffed and destroyed at W-0935 headed south. Flak: Light weak at W-5185, heavy and light intense at W-0929. E/A nil. 1 P-47 damaged by flak; cat 1. Time over target: 1140-1300. Weather: 10/10 at 14,000, visibility unlimited. Time down: 1325.

A.O.23 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1430 hours to perform close cooperation and rail cutting mission. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs, Followed route of base to Malsheim to Lahr to W-6674 to Base, Over target: 1515 to 1600 hours. Flak was heavy, moderate at W-2374; light, weak, at W-6561. 1 bomb was jettisoned, armed, at W-6568. Contacted Mikado, told to go to Bruschal M/Y. 9 bombs were dropped at W-0875, with 4 direct hits and 5 near misses. Resulting claims were 3 rail cuts and 2 (out of a total of 10) box cars destroyed. 9 bombs dropped on tracks at W-6462; 1 bomb NRO, 2 bombs in town, 1 miss, 2 bombs failed to explode, 1 bomb on shed. Resulting claims were 1 rail cut, and 5 bldgs destroyed. 3 bombs were dropped on the tunnel at W-6462 with 1 bomb in tunnel. 3 bombs were dropped on tracks at W-6876, with 1 direct hit, 2 misses, and 1 rail cut. 2 bombs in fill at W-6559, with 2 direct hits, however damage unobserved. 3 bombs dropped at W-6560 on rails, but NRO. 3 bombs dropped on rails at W-6561, with 3 misses, 2 factory bldgs were strafed and damaged in town of Oberndorf at W-6366. Light, flak positions were strafed in woods at W-6561, however, NRO. No E/A encountered; no losses; no further claims, Time down; 1615 hrs. Weather: 3/10 to 5/10 at 18,000 ft., visibility unlimited.

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B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following rails;
Rails at W-0464; W-1883; W-2965; W-0566; W-6977;
W-7077;, W-6878; W-5185; and W-5586.
Also strafed the following:-
2 gasoline trucks at W-0353.
Staff car at W-0935.
(11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
W-0875, rails.
W-6462, tracks.
W-6462, tunnel
W-6876, tracks.
W-6559, fill.
W-6560, rails.
W-6561, rails.
Also strafed 2 factory buildings in town Oberndorf.
23 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c mechanical, rough engine.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, category 1.
(viii) 24

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 57:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,680 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail M113; P.D M16 (4-5 sec).
(ii) 68 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
4 on rails at W-1883.
3 on rails at W-2965.
2 on rails at W-0566.
4 on rails at W-0464.
4 on rails at W-6977.
6 on rails at W-7077.
6 on rails at W-6878.
4 on rails at W-5184.
3 on rails at W-5586.
9 on W-0875.
9 on tracks at W-6462.
3 on tunnel at W-6462.
3 on tracks at W-6876.
2 on fill at W-6559.
3 on rails at W-6560.
3 on rails at W-6561.

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(iii) 1 - 500# GP bombs jettisoned armed, at W-6568.
(iv) Nil
3 - 500# GP bombs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 3

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 2

9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 5
c) Damaged, 2

11. Railroads cut,16

4. (4). Operation No. A.O. 17. Armed reconnaissance mission.

A. 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0740 hours to perform armed recce mission. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# FP bombs, Followed route of Base to Karlsruhe to Heilbronn to R-9590 to base. TOT. 0815-0930. Flak was heavy, moderate at R-3042; light, intense at R-6458; heavy, moderate at W-1096; light, moderate at R-0862. One train was observed headed East with 1 locomotive and 20 cars at S-1363; one train, with 10 cars and 1 loco, steam up, was observed headed SW at R-8561. 10 bombs dropped on train headed S at R-6358, composed of 30 box cars and 1 loco. 5 of these bombs failed to explode. 5 direct hits, also strafed, Claim 15 cars damaged and 15 cars destroyed, 1 locomotive damaged, and 2 rails cut. A train which was just out of the M/Y at Bruschal, was left in flames. 18 bombs were dropped on the rail line from R-9862 to town of Heilbronn. 7 rails cuts were effected there. 8 bombs dropped on 3 locomotives in M/Y in town of Heilbronn. 2 locos had steam and one was headed South. 3 bombs failed to explode and NRO on 3 other bombs. 2 direct hits among the box-cars and 8 box cars are claimed destroyed; 3 locomotives were damaged by strafing. Observed 40-60 cars in yard composed of few tank cars, and the rest box cars. 1 train was strafed, headed SW at S-2464 and claim locomotive and 6 coaches damaged. 3 light flak guns strafed and damaged in town of Heilbronn. At R-9362, 1 locomotive and 20 flat cars covered with tarpaulin strafed -- was headed SW; of these, 1 loco and 10-12 cars were damaged. No E/A encountered. 1 P-47 lost, with Lt. Stepanek, MIA. He said over the R/T that his engine froze and that he was going to belly in west of Heilbronn. 1 P-47 damaged, flak, cat, 1. No other claims or losses. Time down: 0951 hours. Weather: 10/10, 12-13,000 ft., visibility unlimited.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.

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(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs as follows:-
Train headed S at R-6358.
Rail line from R-9862 to town of Heilbronn.
3 locomotives in M/Y, Heilbronn.
12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1-P-47D 42-76324, West of Heilbronn. Engine froze.
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 P-47 damaged by flak, Cat. 1.
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 26:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 8,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 36 - 500# GP bombs, fused -tail M114; P-D M16,(4-5 sec).
(ii) 36 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
10 bombs on train headed S at R-6358.
18 bombs on rail line from R-9862 to Heilbronn.
8 bombs on 3 locomotives in M/Y, Heilbronn.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Stanley J. Stepanek, 2nd Lt., O-715051. M.I.A.
(West of Heilbronn).

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 6

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 23
c) Damaged, 32

11. Tracks (railroad) cut, 9

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

3 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 154 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Maj. Robertson, took off at 0801 to D/B a a RR Bridge at S-020405 and recce in area 8. 19 x 500 dropped on bridge at S-020405 with 8 hits on E approach and 3 hits in center of bridge, and 2 hits damaging 2 buildings E of bridge, 2 hits damaging 1 building on WN side. 4 near misses on W end. 1 x 500 missed RR tunnel at R-4900. At R-9323, 1 loco and 4 passenger (parked) cars facing S strafed and 1 loco and 1 car dam. At W-2271, three locos and 3 boxcars strafed and dam. locos stopped, facing SE. All separate. Intense inaccurate light flak at W-2664 and W-5085; intense accurate light at S-0240 and W-1893. Over target 10/10 base at 13,000' tops unknown. T.O.T. 0840-0850, T.D. 1033.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL, (c) 1-Prop Governor out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. (i) 11 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly
(ii) 11 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 25:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 5,760 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 x 500 14-1/10 nose, .025 tail, 8-8-11 sec delay M113.
(ii) 20 x 500 12 " " " " 8-8-11 " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 2 " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 4; 4. (C) 4; 9. (C) 3.

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Oprep A No. 155 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. 16 P-47 A/C of the 406th Sq., led by Major Daniels, took off at 0945 to D/B RR Bridge at R-775887 and to recce in area 8. Sq. contacted "Baggage" who assigned train with tanks on flat cars in M/Y at Heilbronn. 22 x 500 dropped in M/Y 1 large intense fire started in M/Y. 20 M/T dest. 5 tanks damaged, 12 flat cars destroyed, 2 locos damaged. 2 x 500 jet. safe at R-2030. 25 more M/T and tanks believed on train un-damaged. Flak intense inaccurate, heavy at R-4045 and intense, inaccurate light at S-0870. Weather 10/10 at 14,500' vis. excellent. T.O.T. 1015, T.D. 1200.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 14 "
(iii) (a), (b), (d) NIL; (c) 2 - 1-Rough Engine, 1-Engine cutting out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 14

C. (i) 16 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly
(ii) 16 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 33;45 hours
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 40,380 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 810 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail 8x500 G.P. M113.
(ii) 14 x 500 " " " " " " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 20; 2. (D) 5; 3.(C) 2; 4.(A) 12; 14 --- 1.

Oprep A No. 156 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Wright, took off at 0830 on a Railcut at S-1400 (Dive Bombing). 17 x 500 dropped on RR at S-1400 with 6 direct hits cutting tracks in 3 places. 4 x 500 dropped on RR at W-1684 with NRO. 1 x 500 jet. armed in area of R-9205. Moderate inaccurate light and scant at W-5390. Weather for mission was 8/10 base at 11,000' in target area, vis. excellent. T.O.T. 0905-0910, T.D. 1010.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 11 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 11 - 75 " " "

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Oprep A No. 156 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945, (Cont'd).

D. (i) 18;00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 260 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. M113 8-11 sec delay.
(ii) 21 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 11. (A) 3.

Oprep A No. 157 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Fisher, took off at 1250 to escort B-26's to Ramsbach to hit ammo dump at W-300903 and Zell fuel dump at W-245708. Sq. R/V with B-26's at 10,000', at 1225 over Luxeil. Escorted as briefed. Bombers split in 2 sections at Erstein, 4 P-47's escorted 1 section to Zell and 8 P-47's escorted the others to Zell Oberkirsh area. 4 P-47's escorted bombers 25 miles SW Luxeil.. 8 P-47's escorted others to Erstein. N. R/T contact with bombers after R/V. Believe fuel dump at Zell W-245708 hit by bombers as black smoke was observed in area. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak encountered at W-1177. A thin overcast at 20,000', vis. excellent. T.O.T. 1400-1500, T.D. 1519.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 30;30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. NIL

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Oprep A No. 158 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Bacon, took off at 1350 on a escort mission to escort B-26's to M/Y at Offenburg. Sq. R/V at Luxeil at 8,000', 2 boxes ob B-26's at 1420. Sq. escorted as briefed uneventfully. Bombing hits seen on bldg. on E. side of M/Y. Bombers at 12,000', escort at 15,000'. Left bombers at Luxeil. Meager inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Offenburg. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1457, T.D. 1530.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 16 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 16

C. (i) 3 - 150 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 - 150 " " "

D. (i) 25:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 40,380 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 159 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50. XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1141 to D/B a road bridge at S-020405 and recce area 8. "Baggage" sent flight to attack possible tanks in Neustadt M/Y. Approx. 500 RR Cars in M/Y, only 1 loco with steam up, part of 20 box car train, direction unknown. Sq. could not definitely identify any tanks on trains. 23 x 500 in M/Y dest. 25 boxcars 2 bldgs.; dam. 25 boxcars, 1 loco and 1 bldg. Sq. strafed at R-0793 - 1 M/T dest. 1 x 500 hung end jet. armed 10 miles NE of Neustadt. Flak encountered at Kaiserlautern and Neustadt - intense inaccurate light and at R-1505 and Q-8955. 8/10 overcast 16-18,000'. T.O.T. 1220, T.D. 1345.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 2 P-47's 1 Cat "AC" 1 Cat "A" Other landing accident.
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 25:00 hours
(ii) Nil

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Oprep A No. 159 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945, (Cont'd).

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 6,440 " " "
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 23 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 1
3. (C) 1
4. (A) 25
(c) 25
9. (A) 2
14. --- 1
9. (C) 1

Oprep A No. 160 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq. led by Capt. Wheeler took off at 1504 to D/B RR bridge at R-775887 and recce area 8. 21 x 500 on RR bridge at R-775887 with 17 near misses. Bridge not damaged. 4 rail cuts on N approch. 1 x 500 hung and dropped on road at W-2073. 1 road block. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-7889 and R-7979. Weather CAVU. T.O.T. 1540, T.D. 1657.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 890 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 10. (A) 1; 11. (A) 4.

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Oprep A No. 161 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 55 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Harrison, took off at 1626 on a close support mission with "Allsquare". Sq. contacted "Allsquare" who sent Sq. to recce roads SSW out of Colmar. Sq. observed 4 M/T but did not attack due to other A/C and R/T confusion. "Allsquare" assigned target of town of Hochstettin at V-907354 3 miles SE of Brisach. 14 x 500 on town with three hits starting 1 fire. 8 x 500 jet. armed in area of V-9222; 2 x 500 jet. armed in area of V-8336. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Brisach. Weather over target wa s CAVU. T.O.T. 1655-1730, T.D. 1802.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 7 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (c) NIL; (d) 5-Other-Sq's leader radio was out which caused same confusion. Pilots did not know where to drop bombs.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 21:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M113 8-11 Sec delay.
(ii) 14 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 10 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

Oprep A No. 162 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Opera tion No. 56 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Major Daniels, took off at 1634 on a close support mission to Allsquare. "Allsquare" directed attack on gun battery at V-860395 marked with smoke. 24 x 500 on target with 4 direct hits and 12 near misses. Target beleived destroyed. One M/T straffed and destroyed at V-737350. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at V-8586. Weather was CAVU over target, 8/10 at 5,000' enroute. Sq. arrived over target at 1655, and Time Down was at 1748.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL.

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Oprep A No. 162 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 56 (CONT'D)

D. (i) 16:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,932 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 1.
6. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 163 for 24 hours ending Sunset 2 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 58 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 1755 on a close support mission with "Allsquare" or to hit altnernate target a bridge at V-753315. Sq. contacted "Allsquare" and asked permission to hit bridges permission granted. 12 x 500 on roadbridge at V-753315 with two direct hits, 1 bridge dest. 4 x 500 on road bridge at V-748293 with 2 direct hits, 1 bridge dest. Controller had 3 Squadrons on Hands. Weather - vis impaired with darkness. T.O.F. 1750, T.D. 1840.

B. (i) 8 P-47's
(ii) 8 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 8

C. NIL

D. (i) 4:00 hours
(ii) 4:00 hours

E. (i) 20,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, 025 tail.
(ii) 16 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 5. (A) 2.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 558

1. No. Off 43 - B26 Time Up 1319 Time Down 41-1555 Total Hours 138:40

2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - GLIDE b. Escorted by 63TH FTR. WG. 12-16 P-47's.

3. Weather: 8/10 As. - BASE 15,000' - TOPS 17,000' - VISIBILITY UNLIMITED.

4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE).
1 - B26	ENG(ENGINE CUTTING OUT).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
7 - B26	BOMBARDIER ERROR.
2 - B26	ARMAMENT.
1 - B26	ENGINEERING.

5. Target: (1) OFFENBURG BARRACKS AREA (W/W - 162867), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	BARRACKS AREA-GSGS 4416-W/W-162867-SHEET W 2-CENTER.	ERSTEIN, GERMANY.	1440	31	9,000'/ 12,000'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 3 Flights in VEE with 4 flights in BOX flying high and right of VEE FORMATION(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMBING RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight (BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis o f 90 degrees with sharp right break. - Moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 195 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 55 SEC. (2) -- (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 86.20%.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "5 of the large barracks buildings on the East side of the area and 1 in the West part of the area were destroyed or seriously damaged. Where the smoke has cleared on one of the photos it can be seen that two of the buildings have been stripped of their roofs and two others partially stripped. Hits in the southeast end of the M/Y have caused severe damage to power facilities and a small explosion occured in one of the car sheds." - - - Photos were taken

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	344	248	--	--	--	NONE	16(ENG) 8(ARM) 48(BOMB. ERROR)

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	8	BOMB. ERROR	TARGET AREA
500# GP	8	ARMAMENT	TARGET AREA
500# GP	8	ENGINEERING	V-7891.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	140,850	100

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
HEAVY (CP)	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd and 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 476

1. No. Off 33 B-26's Time Up 12:22 Time Down 15:36 Total Hours 100:45

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P47's

3. Weather: Cavu

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
6 B-26's	1 Engine 5 Spares	1 B-26	Engine Failure

5. Target: (1) RAMSBACH, GERMANY. (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Ammunition Dump (W) W-300903	Wolfach W-3668	14:07	8 B-26's	11,000 10,000
(2)			14:07	9 B-26's	11,000 10,000
(3)			14:28	9 B-26's	12,800
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of Squadron. Bomb Run - Bombed in route formation with the exception of #2 flight dropping low regained normal position in the break. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each flight. Axis of Attack - 330°M. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude 400 feet.

b. Ground Speed of Attack ~~22~~ 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 67 45 sedonds.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

first phase photo interpretation - Good pattern covered the target area but no explosions were observed. The squadron which missed due to misidentification hit barracks at. (W) V-295915.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.025	264	208				None	48

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	8	Engine Failure	(W) W-2777

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	96,850	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 477

1. No. Off 22 B-26's Time Up 12:38 Time Down 14:56 Total Hours 51:35

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: Cavu

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
4 B-26's	Spares	1 B-26	Bombardier Error

5. Target: (1) ZELL, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Fule Dump (II) H-245708	Erstein V-9581	13:50	17 B-26's	11,400
(2)					10,400
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of Squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in route formation with the exception of #2 flight dropping low regained normal position in break. Bombing Procedure All bombs dropped off of No one man each flight. Axis of Attack - 330°M. Withdrawal - 145 Broke left. Evasive Action Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 210 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 20 55 Seconds

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

First phase photo interpretation - Bombs landed in and out of the target area, large explosions and fires were observed.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
100#GP	Inst. nose no delay tail	420	319				None	60
500#M-17	19 Seconds	64	48				None	16

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
100#Gp	41	30 Bombardier error 11 Hung Up	Target Area.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	54,050	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECCN. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 109 for 24 hours ending sunset, 2 Feb., '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3681, TR/12/2/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0800-1000. To recce Strassbourg-Landau-Weibenburg-Haguenau-Bitche-Pirmasens area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 MT mvg. north R-0733 out of Haguenau. 1 MT mvg. NW Q-9531 out of Haguenau250 RR cars in M/Y at Q-8873..yards undamaged. Estimated 600 RR cars in Pirmasens M/Y. Yards damaged, but cars are OK. Train mvg. east with 30 cars at R-0468--some cars were flat, and loaded. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0940. WEATHER: CAVU over area. High overcast at 20,000'. Overcast at 4000' north of "B" area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Pirmasens area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3682, TR/9/2/2.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0825-1000. To recce Strassbourg-Colmar-Breisach-Ensisheim-Neuenburg-Freiburg-area. OBSERVATIONS: Breisach RR bridge intact..smoke pots on west bank. Area Neu Breisach being shelled. Towns at V-8542 and V-856380, and V-865350 are burning. 2 trains with 75 boxcars each stationary facing SW in Freiburg M/Y. Called in to controller. No pontoons seen on Rhine from W-0386 to Neuenburg. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-moderate-accurate at Breisach. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0840-0945. WEATHER: 4-5/10 15000' Rhine valley.
B. (i) 2F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Colmar area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. D. 3 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil. for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3683, TR/1/2/1.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0825-1040. To recce Saarbrucken-Speyer-Strassbourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 8 large barges, and 4 small barges at R-5173. Bridge at Germersheim intact. 3 rows of boxcars, 75 cars in each row, at R-5564. Bridge at Karlsruhe intact. Karlsruhe M/Y heavily damaged. 100 boxcars in Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 MT mvg. north at R-4838. 2 MT mvg. north at R-4032. 2 rows of boxcars, 50 cars in each row, in Rastatt M/Y..these boxcars are longer than normal, and ten in color. 50-75 boxcars in south Rastatt M/Y. 8 long ten boxcars and 40 other boxcars in Baden M/Y. 1 MT mvg. NW at R-3518. 1 MT mvg. south Buhl. 20 boxcars in Buhl M/Y. 7 bright red boxcars, and 20 other boxcars in M/Y at R-2708. 100 boxcars in M/Y at R-2303. 300 boxcars in M/Y at W-2199. 300 RR cars, 10 covered with tarpaulin, in M/Y at W-1794. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at Ottersweiler. Heavy-moderate-inaccurate at W-1794. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Speyer. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0858-1020. WEATHER: 9/10 300-1000' Saarbrucken and north. CAVU Speyer-Strassbourg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Strassbourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3684, TR/5/2/3.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0830-1000. To recce Saargemund-Kaiserslautern-Bad Kreuznach-Wissembourg-Pirmasens-Bitche-Zweibrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 100 plus boxcars in Zweibrucken M/Y Yards apear to be in good condition. RR from Q-6060-Q-6466 appears to have been cut in 50-100 yard intervals by demolitions. M/Y at Q-9073 has apprx. 20 boxcars and yards appear moderately damaged. Kaiserslautern M/Y about 20% filled with boxcars--M/Y in good shape. 1 MT mvg. east at M-2328. 2 MT mvg. NE at M-2113. Bad Durkheim M/Y about 20% filled with boxcars---M/Y in good shape. Landau M/Y 40% filled with boxcars--also 2 locomotives with steam up, 1 stationary, and 1 mvg. north. Wissembourg M/Y almost empty. 1 MT mvg. east at Q-8550. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-inaccurate at R-2153. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0845-0945. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Zweibrucken. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G.Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3685, PR/7/1/207/29.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1045-1250. To recce and photo in Strassbourg-Colmar-Ensisheim-Neuenburg-Freiburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. east V-760338--white color. 4 MT mvg. west into Niederhergheim. 1 MT mvg. NE at V-6921. 1 pontoon section on east bank of Rhine riverst V-876369. RR bridge at Neuenburg intact. 70 plus boxcars on siding at V-974246. 2 locomotives with steam up at Freiburg. No pontoons in Rhine V-876369-W-0080. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate and Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Neu Breisach-Breisach. PHOTOS: RR bridge still intactand being used for MT traffic at V-885358-2 fires SWhere.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3685, PR/7/1/207/29(Cont'd.)

A. (Cont'd.) PHOTOS:(Cont'd.) Pontoon bridges approaches serviceable and still being used at V-882363. 25 plus MT lined up headed east waiting to cross ferry at V-894345. 2 MT mvg. east from river bridge at V-885365. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100-1230. WEATHER: 8/10 15000'over area, Otherwise CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Colmar area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3686, TR/6/2/4-PR/12/08/155-PR/7A/28/200.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1150-1355. To recce and photo in Saargemund-Zweibrucen-Kaiserslautern-Bad Kreuznach-Alzey-Neustadt-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: Zweibrucken M/Y about 20% filled with mostly boxcars--many damaged. 1 locomotive stationary facing SE Kaiserslautern M/Y. Yards from Q-9593 to Kaiserslautern about 1/3 filled. Approx.25 boxcars at M-0907. 4 locomotives steam up(3 facing north, and 1 south) stationary Alzey at 1320 hrs...called in to controller. Yards at Alzey about 1/2 filled--2/3 of cars are flat cars, many of which are loaded with MT. 1 train with 30 boxcars stationary facing north with steam up at Grunstadt. 100-150 RR cars in M/Y at Neustadt--almost all were flat cars loaded with MT. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy/light-scant-inaccurate at Neustadt. PHOTOS: 34 RR cars including 3 flat cars at M-072336. 60 RR cars in M/Y, and 4 locomotives with no steam up..damage 100% repaired in M/Y..loading light.5%or less of town is damaged--all at M-078343. RR bridge repaired for 1 lane traffic at M-078344. 20 RR cars on siding at M-079348. RR bridge repaired for 1 lane traffic at M-083351. 3 gun batteries (L) occupied at M-068347, and M-070346. RR tracks have been repaired at [illegible] R-314845, and R-311846. 612 RR cars , mostly intact, very few derailed..12 locomotives, 1 with steam up..all at Neustadt M/Y-loading here appears heavy--20% of facilities are still unserviceable--activity appears to be considerable.. 2-5% of town destroyed..90-95% of tracks repaired. 3 gun battery (L) occupied at R-301825. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1210-1340. WEATHER: 1-2/10 2-3000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's.(ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

PR/12/11/160.....OPERATIONS NO. 3687, TR/13/2/9-PR/12/14/168.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1155-1415. To photo and recce Strassbourg-Karlsruhe-Pirmasens-Haguenau. No bridges on Rhine from Strassbourg-Karlsruhe. Bridge at Karlsruheintact. 2 barges, towed by 1 barge east across Rhine at R-2728 at 1210 hrs. 1 locomotive with 6 cars stationary facing south at R-5457. 25 boxcars on siding at R-5461. 6 HDT and 20 troops mvg. south into Bitche. 60-100 boxcars in Pirmasens M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate in vicinity of Q-9537. PHOTOS: Photos unsucessful due to lack of light. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1355. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Haguenau. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G.Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3688, TR/2/2/2.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1300-1500. To recce and photo in Strassbourg-Worms-Bad Kreuznach-Saarbrucken area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 MT mvg. north W-2199. 4 HDV mvg. north at R-2303. 3 HDV and 1 MT mvg. SE at R-3323. 2 MT mvg. north and 2 south R-3323-Rastatt. 4 MT mvg. SW from Karlsruhe scattered. 1 MT and 2 HDV mvg. east into Karlsruhe. 10 MT BW in Karlsruhe E and W. 2 MT mvg. west R-5545. 1 locomotive steam up stationary facing south at Bruchsal. 6 HDV mvg. NW out of Bruchsal. 2 MT mvg. NW at R-5862. 1 electric train with 30 cars mvg. west at Heidelberg M/Y. 2MT mvg. NW on Heidelberg-Mannheim Autobahn. 1 MT mvg. south at R-602967. 8 MT BW across bridge at R-5996. 2 MT north into Heppenheim--also 3 MT stationary in this town facing north. 3 MT west and 1 large van east M-5316-Heppenheim. 1 electric train with four cars mvg. west at M-5516. 2 MT stationary facing south M-5314. 5 HDV stationary facing west M-5116. 1 large van mvg, east across Rhine at M-4615. 3MT on west bank of Rhine facing bridge at M-4515. 1 MT mvg. south into Worms. 1 locomotive steam up stationary facing south in Worms M/Y. 1 MT mvg. east at M-3615. 4 MT mvg. north at M-0732. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy/light-scant-inaccurate at Mannheim. Light-intense-inaccurate at Bad Kreuznach. PHOTOS: Unsucessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1315-1445. WEATHER: 8/10 6000' in Saar basin.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Saarbrucken. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 Cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. NIL. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3689, TR/11/2/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1345-1550. To recce Strassbou rg-Colmar-Neuenburg-Freiburg-Offenburg-Haguenau-Wissembourg-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: Bridge at Neuenburg intact. 12 MT very scattered mvg. north on road between V-9212 and Freiburg. What appeared to be a radar station west of tracks at W-0027. 300-400 boxcars in Freiburg M/Y. 2 MT pulling large trailers loadede with pontoons, and 3 other MT all stationaryfacing north at V-8617. Bridge at Breisach intact. 75-100 boxcars in Offenburg M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-accurate at Breisach. Light-scant-accurate at Achern. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1405-1530. WEATHER: CAVU.

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B. (i) 2 F60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Haguenau. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2,
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3690, TR/14/2/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1435-1650. To recce Strassbourg-Karlsruhe-Wissembourg-Bitche-Haguenau. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT stationary facing east at R-2932. 1 train with 40-50 cars steam up stationary facing east at R-3850. 1 MT mvg. west at R-2633. 1 ambulance mvg. east at R-1833. 1 large MT stationary facing south at R-0528. 2 MT mvg. west at R-0131. Road block of felled trees in vicinity of R-096825 and R-118295. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at R-1821. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1455-1650. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Haguenau. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2,
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3691, TR/22/2/29.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1530-1730. To photo and recce in Karlsruhe-Heilbron-area. OBSERVATIONS: RR bridge at S-059713 is out--east span laying in the river--no other damage observed. 4 locomotives with steam up (2 mvg. SE) in Jagstfe ld (S-065715)--M/Y about 1/2 filled with boxcars. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: RR bridge at S-059713 is unserviceable..2 spans out on east side. Train of 37 cars...1 locomotive with steam up headed south at S-065716. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1715. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe-Heilbron. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (ii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. #374 US ARMY

2 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S[redacted]

OPREP A NO. 140 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 2 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 355 (TR/15/2/15)

A. 2 F6-C's from 0825-1025. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 4 scatt M/T mvg B/W Saarbrucken-Saargemund. 2 M/T stat fac N at Q-5167. M/T Saarbrucken one-quarter full, no activity. 1 train 50 boxcars mvg E at Q-6275 (called to Controller). 1 loco in M/Y at Q-5575. Zweibrucken M/Y three-quarter full, 2 switch engines, S/U in M/Y. Smoke from 8 chimneys in Zweibrucken. 1 train 10 flat cars, contents not known, 40 boxcars mvg W at Q-8069 (called to Controller). Pirmasens M/Y one-quarter full, 1 switch engine in yard. Neunkirchen M/Y three-quarter full. 2 engines steam up in M/Y. E Hornback extending 5 mile, many gun emplacements of artillery and AA guns. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: H-I-A and L-I-A at Hornbech. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0840-1010. WEATHER: CAVU S of St. Wendel. N of St. Wendel 10/10 at 2500 top.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 356 (TR/18/2/18)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 0815-1040. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Wissenbourg empty. NMS Wissenbourg-Landau. Landau M/Y 4-6 locos, S/U one-third full of which one-half are loaded flat cars contents undertermined, other one-half boxcars. 2 trains, 30 cars, each stat, S/U, facing N at R-2976 6-8 large fires in Germersheim. Neustadt M/Y 1 train 40 flat cars appear loaded with tanks-stat, fac E, S/U. E end Neustadt M/Y 1 train 20-30 boxcars, stat, S/U facing E. Neustadt M/Y three-quarters full, 6-10 locos, S/U, appears very active. RR appears serviceable between Neustadt and Kaiserslautern. Siding at R-2386 has 3 hits on track. Track at R-1892 has minimum of 4 near misses, Kaiserslautern twothird full, one-half of which are flat cars, other half boxcars. 3-5locos S/U in yard. RR Kaiserslautern, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens appears serviceable, but no activity. M/Y Pirmasens empty, no activity in M/Y. M/Y Zweibrucken one-third full, no activity. RR trks cut at R-0277. RR trk cut 1 mile E of Antweiller (R-1767). Could not call Controller, R adio transmitter out. ENEMY AIR: NIL. 2 P-51's jumped flight 15 mi SW Zweibrucken at 0950. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Transmitter out. TIME OVER AREA: 0825-1025. WEATHER: CAVU over area. N of area 10/10 at 2500 feet.
B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4 hrs. 50 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 357 (TR/3/2/11)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 0830-1030. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: Passenger train going E out of R-6140, with 8 cars. 2 engines in M/Y at Pforzheim, M/Y one-quarter full. Approx 100 cars, mostly boxcars, in M/Y Muhlacke. R-9141, approx 200 cars, of which one-half were boxcars and the other half flat cars, possible M/T on cars. 1 TE A/C on A/D at R-9741. Approx 200 mixed cars in M/Y at S-0241, 3 engines working. S-0258, 1 engine 4 pass cars, not mvg. Heidelbraun M/Y, approx 400 cars, 2 engines working. S-0870, train approx 15 cars, heading NW, tanks on last 5 cars, (called to Controller)

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S-0867, 7 stat barges 20-30 ft. long, near bridge. S-0477 M/Y about 50 cars mixed. S-0083, 100 mixed cars in siding. 30 cars in M/Y at R-9197. Supply dump at R-8190, barges tied up. 100 cars in M/Y Neckargemund. Train, 1 engine 100 mixed cars R-7690 going W toward Heidelberg (couldn't contact Controller). M/Y Heidelberg, one-quarter full, 5 engines S/U in M/Y, large craters in yard. R-5590 steel tower, appeared like radio tower. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: N-I-L A/D R-9741. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Unable to contact controller. TIME OVER AREA: 0845-1010. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. 1 F6-B 7 1 F6-C. (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 358 (TR/7/2/13)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 0815-1020. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: 40 boxcars at W-0872. Groups of 5 boxcars each scatt between W-0565, W-0252. Fire at W-1211. NMS Offenburg-Freiburg. NMS between Freiburg W-5629, but trackage on RR and Hwy show signs of activity. M/Y Villingen one-half full, 1 loco S/U fac S in M/Y. Loco S/U in tunnel fac N at W-3948 (Called Controller). 1 train 20 cars mvg E at W-2665 (Called Controller). M/Y Offenburg 10/10 full boxcars, no activity. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-H-A, Offenburg. M-L-A, Villingen. M-H-I, 2 mi. E Kehl. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0840-0945. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D. (ii) 2 attacking Route #4. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. NIL.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 359 (TR/16/2/16)

A. 2 F6-C's from 0930-1130. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T mvg N at Q-5274. M/Y Saarbrucken one-third full, no activity. M/Y Saarlautern one-third full - no activity. NMS Saarbrucken to Saarlautern. St. Wendel M/Y one-half full, no activity. NMS St. Wendel to Neunkirchen. Homburg M/Y one-third full, no activity. Zweibrucken M/Y three-quarter full. Pirmasens M/Y one-third full, no activity. M/T mvg E at Q-9671. RR from Q-9074 to Landau appears serviceable. 1 M/T mvg W at R-0767. 1 large M/T mvg E at R-1468. 1 M/T mvg E at Q-6076. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0942-1110. WEATHER: CAVU.

B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 360 (TR/19/2/19)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1045-1250. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 40 boxcars mvg W at Q-9091 (Called to controller). M/Y S Kaiserslautern one-half full boxcars, 1 switch engine S/U. RR appears serviceable from M-1108 to M-3915. RR trks out at M-2205. Approx 8 boxcars destroyed on trks at M-2205. M/Y Neustadt three-quarters full, 3 switch engines S/U, appears very active. M/Y Landau appears unserviceable. 20-30 dest boxcars in M/Y. RR trk cut at R-0456. RR trk between Pirmasens and Landau appears serviceable but not in use. Zweibrucken M/Y one-half full boxcars, no activity. NMS on Auto ban from Q-8692 to M-3107. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: L-S-I, Wissembourg. L-S-I, R-1667. L-M-I, R-0196. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100-1230. WEATHER: 3/10 at 1000 S of Kaiserslautern, N of Kaiserslautern CAVU.

B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 361 (A/15/21/2/21)

A. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C from 1120-1320. To Arty/R, T/G near Hornabch. OBSERVATIONS: Contacted Btry at 1155, radio contact good. Could not locate RR gun, so fired on rd junction and RR Q-731655. First fired on RR station at Hornbach instead T/G Q-726614. First rd, air burst lost, second rd lost, third rd 200 right range correct, fourth rd, flashes in Hornbach, fifth rd , flashes in Hornbach. 10 boxcars and 10 flat cars snow covered at Q-7263, RR tracks cut at Q-729596. POW sign at Q-729653. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: H-I-I Zweibrucken, H-S-I, Hornbach. PHOTOS: Vertical of track at Q-7263. Altitude 4000' on course 200° at 1300 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1300. WEATHER: Ceiling 14,000, visibility 10 miles.
B. 1 F6-D & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area near Hornbach. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 20 mins.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 362 (TR/8/2/14)

A. 1 F6-C & 1 F6-D from 1145-1345. To recce in route #4. OBSERVATIONS: Offenburg M/Y one-third full of boxcars. Scatt groups of 10 boxcars each extending from W-1077 to W-0255. Freiburg M/Y one-half full of boxcars, no activity. 6 single engine A/C at W-0734, A/F appears serv, A/C on SE corner of field dispersed. NMS Freiburg-Neustadt. No obs E of Neustadt, due to weather. NMS from W-7443-W-6266. 5 near misses on RR track 2 miles S Villingen W-5539. RR appears serv Villingen-Offenburg. RR bridge and Hwy bridge at W-0697 appears serv. 20 boxcars at V-3849. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L V-9949. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1205-1315. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6 -C & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking route #4. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 363 (PR/7A/28/199, PR/7A/28/200 PR/7A/24/195, PR/12/77/153 PR/P-31, PR/P-57, PR/P-56)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1240-1510. To P/R in Area "C & D." OBSERVATIONS: NIL ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H, Forbach. PHOTOS: Vert of dump at Q-6964 altitude 6000' on 200° course at 1345 hrs. Vert of dump at Q-6964 altitude 6000' on 300° course at 1405 hrs. Vert of M/Y at R-0455 on 180° course at 5000' altitude at 1405 hrs. Vert of dump at R-1955 on 180° course at 6000' at 1410 hrs. Vert of bridge R-1368 on 120° course 6000' altitude at 1415 hrs. Oblique of strip from Q-7258 - Q-7345 on 170° course at 3500' altitude 1350 hrs. Oblique of strip from Q-9128 - R-1018 on 120° course at 2500' altitude 1430 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1300-1435. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking Areas "C & D" (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 5 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 364 (TR/17/2/17)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1250-1350. To recce in Area "C." OBSERVATIONS: NTR, due to Pilot Error. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1310-1320. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking area "C." (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 365 (TR/4/2/12)
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A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D from 1320-1520. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Karlsruhe one-third full, no activity. 50 boxcars at R-5944. M/Y Pforzheim one-quarter full, no activity. M/Y at R-8139 one-quarter full, 1 loco S/U. 100 boxcars between R-9340 and R-9541 in one group. M/Y at S-0341 1 loco S/U, M/Y one-quarter full. S-0862 M/Y one-third full, no activity. S-0967 M/Y one-quarter full, no activity. S-0085 M/Y one-quarter full, no activity. Between R-9593 and R-9591 75 boxcars parked in string. R-9196 M/Y one-third full, no activity. R-8495 M/Y one-fifth full, no activity. R-8495 12 barges 65-70' long, stat R-7911 M/Y one-quarter full, no activity. Between R-7882 and R-7688 approx 200 boxcars parked in groups of 25. M/Y at Heidelberg R-6990 serv. M/Y Mannheim one-half, 2 locos S/U. 50 stat flat cars loaded with M/T ar R-6259 (Called Controller at 1420) R-5448 25 boxcars parked. R-4554 pontoon bridge under construction. 7 pontoons from E bank 2 from W. 5 pontoons drawn up on E bank, no traffic visible. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L, R-8139. PHOTOS: Vert of bridge at R-8540, alt. 6000' on 150° course at 1350 hrs. Vert of M/Y R-5796. alt. 6000' on 180° course at 1415 hrs. Vert of M/Y R-5793. alt. 6000' on 150° course at 1415 hrs. Vert of M/Y R-6189. alt. 6000' on 150° course at 1415 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1445. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-D (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 366 (TR/20/2/20)

A. 2 F6-D's from 1410-1525. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Landau one-third full boxcars, no activity. M/Y Neustadt one-third full boxcars, no activity. M/Y Bad Durkheim 30 boxcars. Jumped by P-47's W of Bad Durkheim at 7000' 1440 hrs. Flight split up and returned to base separately. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: H-A-I, Saargemund. H-A-M, Hornbach. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1500. WEATHER: Vic Karslruhe, thin o/c 100' thick at 8000'. Rest of area ground haze. Visibility 7-10 miles.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. — 34/3326 - (22)

A. 1 F-5E from 1020A to 1205A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7440 to Q-8742 to R-2034 to R-1218 to Q-9027 to Q-7440, R-0626 to R-1423, R-0525 to R-1328, Q-9131 to Q-9732, Q-9930 to R-0532, OBSERVATION: two (2) ME 109's observed over Bischwiller at 1123A and engaged by four (4) P-47's at 1127A. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-74 0 to Q-8742 to Q-8742 to R-2034 to R-1218 to Q-9027 to Q-7440, R-0626 to R-1423, R-0525, to R-1328, Q-9131 to Q-9732, Q-9930 to R-0532, block coverage R-2847 to R-4040 to R-4020 to W-2396 to R-0607 to R-2847, block coverage Q-8757 to R-3046 to R-2433 to Q-8343 to Q-8757, V-8968 to V-9380 to W-1280 to W-0566 to V-8968. TIME OVER TARGET: 1045A to 1115A. RADIO CONTACT: Good. WEATHER: High cirrus at 24,000 ft., contrails at 22,000. Mission partially successful. (Garland A. York, Captain.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: block coverage Q-7440 to Q-8742 to R-2034 to R-1218 to Q-9027 to Q-7440, R-0626 to R-1423, R-0525 to R-1328, Q-9131 to Q-9732, Q-7843 to Q-8442, Q-9930 to R-0932. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U=S. - 34/5327 - (25)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1025A to 1215A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-2847 to R-4040 to W-2396 to R-0211 to R-1217 to R-2847. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Twelve (12) bursts of heavy, inaccurate flak at 20,000 - five (5) miles S of Seltz. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-2847 to R-4040 to W-2396 to R-0211 to R-1217 TO R-2847. , Town of Eberbach BDA - R-241360, BDA. Rastatt Bridge and M/Y R-3529, Rastatt M/Y, Karlsruhe M/Y, Block : Q-8757 - R-3046 - R-2433 - Q-8343 - Q-8757. Block Coverage: V-8968 - V-9380 to Q-1280 - W-0566 to V-8968. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1200A. WEATHER: Overcast at 22,000 little stratus. Mission successful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-2847 to R-4040 to W-2396 to R-0211 to R-1217 to R-2847. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hour 50 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION ULS. - 34/3330 - (24)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1020A to 1150A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-7467 to Q-8667 to Q-8743 to Q-7441 to Q-7467. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-7467 to Q-8667 to Q-8743 to Q-7441 to Q-7467. Pirmasens Town Area, Block : Q-7440 to Q-8742 to R-2034 to R-1218 to Q-9027 to Q-7440. Block : Q-8757 to R-3046 to R-2433 to Q-8343 to Q-8757. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1130A. WEATHER: CAVU in area. Mission successful. (Howard E. Hadley, 1st. Lt .)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7467 to Q-8667 to Q-8743 to Q-7441 to Q-7467.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3352 - (25)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1010A to 1145A. To photo target: Block Coverage: V-6647 to V-8652 to V-9434 to V-8713 to V-6220. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Ten (10) bursts of heavy inaccurate flak over Neu Breisach at 17,500 ft., -(15) fifteen bursts over Breisach - twenty - Five (25) bursts over Rhine River, between Breisach and Mulheim. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: V-6647 to V-8652 to V-9434 to V-8713 to V-6220. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1100A. WEATHER: CAVU in target area - overcast at 18,500 ft., Mission successful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: V-6647 to V-8652 - to V-9434 to V-8713 to V-6220.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 55 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3334 - (26)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1030A to 1150A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-8757 to R-3046 to R-2430 to Q-8343 to Q-8843. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: twenty - five (25) bursts of heavy, inaccurate flak over Soultz at 19,000 ft., PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-8757 to R-3046 to R-2430 to Q-8343 to Q-8843 , Block: Q-7440 - Q-8742 - R-2034 - R-1218 - Q-9027 - Q-7440, Strip: 436103 - 436106 RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1135A. WEATHER: CAVU in area - light haze. Mission successful. (Charles J. Petersen, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-8757 to R-3046 to R-2430 to Q-8343 to Q-8843.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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A. 1 F-5E, from 1005A to 1135A. To photo target: Block Coverage: R-2847 to R-4040 to W-2596 to R-0211 to R-1217 to R-2847. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: five (5) bursts of heavy inaccuarate flak over RR/ between Achern and Buhl at 19,000 ft., PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-2847 to R-4040 to W-2596 to R-0211 to R-1217 to R-2847., EUA. Rastatt Bridge and M/Y - R-3529., Rastatt M/Y, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025A to 1105A. WEATHER: Target Area overcast at 18,000 ft., haze in area. Mission successful. (James F. Frakes, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-2847 to R-4040 to W-2596 to R-0211 to R-1217 to R-2847.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 50 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U. S. - 34/3338 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1245A to 1445A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 to Q-5256 to Q-5572. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 to Q-5256 to Q-5572. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1340A to 1410A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze. Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 to Q-5256 to Q-5572. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. * 34/3339 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E from 1415A to 1620A. To photo target: R-734200 to R-733100, R-800149 to R-73415, RR station and siding on M/Y at Wildberg, RR/Line W-708828 to W-859855, station and siding M/Y at Haigerlock, block coverage Q-7467 to Q-8667 to Q-8743 to Q-7441 to Q-7467, Reutlingen town and M/Y X-8989, Bissingen A/D, and three (3) mile radius, Bexmaringen X-556871 - three (3) and one half mile radius, RR stations siding M/Y Killer, OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: R-734200 to R-733100, RR stations and siding or M/Y at Wildberg, RR/Line W-708828 to W-859855, block coverage Q-7467 to Q-8667 to Q-8743 to Q-7441 to Q-7467. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1530A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: R-734200 to R-733100, R-800149 to R-73415, RR stations and siding or M/Y at Wildberg, RR/Line W-708828 to W-859855, stations and siding M/Y at Haigerlock W-789751, block coverage Q-7467 to Q-8667 to Q-8743 to Q-7441 to Q-7467, Reutlingen town and M/Y X-8989, Bissingen A/D S-276018 and three (3) mile radius, Bexmaringen X-556871 and three (3) one half mile radius, RR stations siding M/Y Killer W-983694. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 308 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3340 -(33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1445A to 1515A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893., Neuenkirchen Town Area, Neuenkirchen M/Y, Saarbrucken M/Y, Block Coverage: Q-5572 - Q-7472 - Q-7454 - Q-5256 - Q-5572., Station Sidings - M/Y Messkirch - WX-032340 and Menningen WX-065350. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1500A to 1525A. WEATHER: CAVU.
Mission successful. (Joe (NMI) Merkle, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking Target: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 508 for 24 hours ending sunset
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MISSION U.S. - 34/5341 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1320A to 1500A. to photo target: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893. Block Coverage: Q-5572 to Q-7472 to Q-7454 -to Q-5256 Q-5572 and Saarbrucken M/Y, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345A to 1430A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3893 to Q-5780 to Q-5256 to Q-2578 to Q-3893.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil
(vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 40 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 308 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3342 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E from 1300A to 1520A. To photo target: RR/Bridge at L-568673, RR/Bridge at Bullay town L-5762, RR/Bridge Simmern L-840531, RR/Bridge M-145433, V-2 Site M-645230 to M-645270, Five Mile Radius of M-2019, M/Y at Worms. OBSERVATION: Pilot was having trouble with right engine on complete mission - engine cut out several times and pilot was finally able to get 29 inches of Mercury completed mission - was notified on return that right vertical camera was not working. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: RR/Bridge at L-568673, RR/Bridge at Bullay town L-5762, RR/Bridge Simmern L-840531, RR/Bridge M-145433, V-2 Site M-645230 to M-645270, M/Y at Worms, two (2) mile radius of M-2019. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1330A to 1445A. WEATHER: CAVU Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/Bridge at L-568673, RR/Bridge at Bullay town L-5762, RR/Bridge Simmern L-840531, RR/Bridge M-145433, V-2 Site M-645230 to M-645270, Five (5) mile radius of M-2019, M/Y at Worms. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 308 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3344 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1400A to 1605A. To photo target: EDA. Donau/Eschingen town and M/Y, Singmaringen Area - Two (2) mile radius, RR/Bridge at Aulendorf, Neuhausen A/D, Langenargen RR/Bridge, Siding and Station M/Y at Messkirch, Siding and Station M/Y at Scheer, RR/Stations siding M/Y at Strassburg, Station and siding M/Y at Lautingen, Station and siding M/Y at Laufen, RR/Line at W-714466 to W-755414. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: EDA. Donau/Eschingen town and M/Y, Singmaringen area - two (2) mile radius, RR/Bridge at Aulendorf at X-4230, RR/Bridge at Langenargen, Siding andstation at M/Y Messkirch, RR?Stations and siding M/Y at Strassburg, Station and siding M/Y at Laufen W-868590. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1430A to 1530A. WEATHER: CAVU Mission partially successful. (Robert G. VonTempsky, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: EDA Donau/Eschingen town and M/Y, Singmaringen two (2) mile radius, RR/B at Aulendorf, Neuhausen A/D, Langenargen RR/B, Siding and Station M/Y at Messkirch, Siding and Station M/Y at Scheer, RR/Stations sidings M/Y at Strassburg, Station and siding M/Y Lautingen, Station and siding M/Y at Laufen, RR/Line W-714466 to W-755414. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 308 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 February 1945

MISSION U.S. -34/3345 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1325A to 1425A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: V-8968 to V-9380 to W-1280 to W-0566 to V-8968. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Pilot observed unidentified jet plane in area, within one or two (2) miles of assigned target area - after two (2) target runs - pilot broke off and returned home - no attacks were made. PHOTOS: Block Coverage: V-8968 V-9380 to W-1280 to W-0566 to V-8968. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1400A to 1410A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Howard E. Hadley , 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: V-8968 to V-9380 to W-1280 to W-0566 to V-8968.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 2/2/45 S[redacted]

OPREP A No. 536 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 2, 1945.

A. Seven Beaufighters airborne during the period on Intruder Missions in Landau - Wissembourg - Karlsruhe - Stuttgart area. First Mission from 17:35 to 18:15. Returned to base with oil pressure U/S. Second Mission from 18:45 to 21:10. Sighted a few M/T going South on highway between Landau and Speyer highway. Almost a continuous stream of M/T headed North on same route. Observed large convoy between Landau and Neustadt. Poor visibility prevented pilot from observing length and direction of movement. Made five or six passes at these convoys but cloud coverage prevented pilot from observing results. No claims. Flew South from Lautersbourg to Strasbourg and sighted no activity. Third Mission from 21:20 to 23:25. Fired at lights at Germersheim damaging 4 buildings and destroying 1 M/T. Observed convoys moving North between Wissembourg and Landau. Straffed and destroyed 1 M/T but poor visibility prevented pilot from determining any further damage. Fourth Mission from 23:30 to 01:10. Sighted some M/Ts at R-3247 heading SW but vehicles turned off lights and were lost before straffing could be attempted. Fifth Mission from 02:00 to 02:15. Returned to base with engine trouble. Sixth Mission from 02:25 to 03:35. Nothing to report. Seventh Mission from 04:40 to 06:35. Fired at stationary lights on Northern outskirts of Landau. No strikes observed. Sighted some M/Ts headed E on Landau - Pirmasens highway. Did not make a pass because of poor visibility and surrounding hills.

B. (i) Seven Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Five
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) Two
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Seven

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 10:10

E. (i) 7000 x 20MM
36000 x .303
(ii) 955 X 20MM
860 x .303
(iii) None

F None

G. None

H. None

I. 4 Buildings Damaged
2 M/T Destroyed.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
4 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 268.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 268 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HERBERT B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
3 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Cprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 3 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2633

12 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0905 down at 1105. Target, strong point, 1000 yards NW of Breisach bridge. T.O.T. 1025, bomb run to 2000', 11 hits in target area, no results observed, 1 hung bomb, dropped on town of Burksheim at V-8945, no results observed. 2 A/C bombed 2 locos & 100 boxcars, 5 hits among boxcars, destroying 15 damaging 20 & caused 2 rail cuts. 1 A/C bombed loco at W-078720. T.O.T. 0945, 3 near misses, damaged loco & destroyed 4 buildings. 4 A/C shot rockets at 1 loco & 8 passenger cars, hits on loco & cars, 1 loco & 1 car destroyed. Flight strafed train, 7 passenger cars damaged. Scant inaccurate LAA & HAA at Offenborg, intense accurate LAA at Breisach. Moderate inaccurate HAA at Breisach. Weather 10/10ths base 2500' thin & 10/10ths base 4500' to 10,000', Karlsruheville east of Rhine. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at R-775887. 1 Pilot K.I.A. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2634

11 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0920 down at 1045, target NeuBreisach. T.O.T. 1015, bomb run to 1000', 26 hits in town. Results, 1 large explosion, destroyed 20 buildings, 5 hits W. of town no results. Moderate LAA at target. Weather, layers 500' to 12,000', 9/10ths base 5500' over target. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2635

12 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0930, down at 1130, target at W-1077. 4 A/C bombed here, bomb run to 1000', 4 hits SW of target, 4 near misses, destroying 3 boxcars, 4 hits in general area. 3 A/C bombed boxcars at approximately W-1179, 4 hits on cars, destroyed 2 cars. 2 near misses made 2 rail cuts. 1 A/C bombed & strafed loco at W-108790, 3 hits N. of target, loco & 4 cars damaged by strafing. Bombed loco & boxcars at W-094758, 4 near misses, 2 hits on train destroying 2 cars & damaging loco & 2 cars. 2 hits on station, 3 buildings destroyed, 1 hung bomb dropped at W-0878, no results observed. 1 bomb returned to base. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #2, bomb blast. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 4 B (i) 35
(ii) 34
(iii)c. 1
(vi) 1
(vii) 1 bomb blast, Cat.#2.
(viii) 34
C (i) 3 75 gal.
(ii) 3 75 gal.

Note 5 D (i) 62:00

Note 6 E (i) 70,000
(ii) 10,260
(iii) 2,000

Note 7 F (i) 62 x 500 lb GP
24 x 100 lb Phos
(ii) 60 x 500 lb GP
22 x 100 lb Phos.
(iii) 2 x 500 lb GP
1 x 100 lb Phos.
(Returned 1 x 100 lb Phos. to base)

Note 8 G 1 Pilot K.I.A.

Note 10 I

	Destr.	Damaged
Loco	1	3
RR cars	23	33
Buildings	27	
Rail cut	complete 1	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kenzie
JACK H. KENZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP GE/4
APO 374 U.S. Army

4 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear)
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 202 for the period ending Sunset 3 February 1945.

4. Operation No. A.O. 15, 16, and 17. Dive bombing and Armed Recce Missions.

A. A.O. 15 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0914 hours to bomb bridge at Offenburg (W-149849) and to conduct armed recce of Route #4. Each aircraft carried 2 x 1000 lb SAP bombs. Route flown was base to target to Karlsruhe to base. Over target area, 1000 to 1020 hours. 20 bombs were dropped on primary target, bridge at W-149849; foundation of bridge on west side believed weakened by several near misses. 2 bombs were dropped on a loco, eight box cars and 4 coaches at W-1882, facing N with steam up; no claim. Same train was then strafed with damage to the loco and all cars. 6 M/Ts at W-125775 were strafed, with 3 damaged; M/Ts were facing W. Squadron observed and reported M/Y at Offenburg half full, and that a squadron was working on it. Flak: scant, inaccurate heavy at target (W-149849) scant, inaccurate light at W-1277. No e/a encountered; no losses. Weather: 10/10ths clouds, base 3000 ft, tops 14000 ft: visibility very poor. Down 1057 hours.

A.O. 16 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0923 hours to bomb bridge at WB-2988 and conduct armed reconnaissance. Each aircraft carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to vic. W-6030 to Freiburg to vic. W-5530 to base. In target area 1000-1045 hours. Primary target was not attacked; before planes reached the point, "Baggage" advised the squadron to drop bombs and return. 8 GPs on railroad at W-5532; 2 GPs failed to explode; the others resulted in 2 tracks cut, one building (switch tower) destroyed, and 1 power line tower and and line destroyed. 16 GPs were dropped on single span, 200

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foot RR bridge at W-6824; no bombs hit on bridge or track, and four failed to explode; 8 near misses landed in water near bridge, but no claims made. 1 M/T was damaged by strafing at W-5532. Observation: 2 groups of RR passenger cars marked with Red Cross markings, 6 - 10 cars in each group, groups 5 miles apart, on RR from Donaueschingen N to W-5536; about 30 cars in M/Y at Donaueschingen; 12 M/Ts at W-5532, heading S. Flak and e/a nil. No losses. Weather: 10/10ths from Nancy to target area, from 500 ft to 12,000 ft, and above overcast, built up in spots to 20,000 ft; visibility, above overcast, fair, below 4-5 miles. Down 1112 hours.

A.O. 17 10 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0940 to bomb bridge at W-251244. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb SAP bombs. Route flown: base to Freiburg area to base. Time over target was 1015 -1045 hours. Squadron was told that when they were in the Colmar area they were to drop their bombs and return to base as soon as possible, as the weather was closing in. 10-15 box cars were seen standing at V-9849, and some 30 box cars were in M/Y at Freiburg. 6 SAPs on M/Y at Freiburg; 3 buildings destroyed and M/Y damaged. 8 SAPs on M/Y at Riegel (W-0150); 6 buildings destroyed, 1 road block, and M/Y damaged, town also strafed. 2 SAPs on Kenzingen(W-0255) destroyed 4 buildings. 2 SAPs on M/Y at Endingen (V-9849) damaged the yard. 2 SAPs dropped at Wyhl (V-9452) destroyed 2 buildings. 10 M/Ts going NW at W-0648 were strafed and damaged. 3 H/D vehicles and 1 staff car strafed at W-0746; staff car damaged and 5 horses killed. Losses: 1 P-47 and pilot, 2nd Lt. Robert E. Smitherman (MIA). He was last seen going off target at Freiburg. Flak: Meager light at V-9050; moderate light at W-0150; and intense heavy and light at Freiburg. No e/a seen. Weather: multi-layered and broken from deck to 15,000 ft with holes in the clouds, showeres in some places, and with icing at 7,000 feet. Down at base 1115 hours.

B. (i) 33 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 33 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
10 a/c on bridge at W-149849
1 a/c on loco and 8 box cars and coaches at W-1882; train also strafed.
6 M/Ts at W-125775 strafed
4 a/c on RR at W-5532
8 a/c on RR bridge at W-6824
1 M/T strafed at W-5532
3 a/c on M/Y at Freiburg
4 a/c on M/Y at Riegel (W-0150)
1 a/c on Kenzingen (W-0255)
1 a/c on Endingen (V-9849)
1 a/c on Wyhl (V-9452)
10 M/T going NW at W-0648 strafed
3 H/D vehicles and 1 staff car at W-0746 strafed.
33 a/c completed missions.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) P-47D-5 42-8593 (believed by flak over Frieburg)
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 33

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 67:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 79,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 9,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 2,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

F. (i) 42- 1000 lb SAP bombs, fused - nose, M103, PD M16 (8-11 scd) tail, M114, M102.
24-1000 lb GP bombs, fused - nose, M103, PD M16 (4-5 scd) tail, M114, M102.

(ii) 42 SAPS and 24 GPs expended as follows:
20 SAPs on bridge at W-149849
2 SAPS on loco, 8 box cars and 4 coaches at W-1882
8 GPs on RR at W-5532 (2 failed to explode)
16 GPs on RR bridge at W-6824 (4 failed to explode)
6 SAPs on M/Y at Freiburg
8 SAPs on M/Y at Riegel (W-0150)
2 SAPs on Kenzingen (W-0255)
2 SAPs on M/Y at Endingen (V-9849)
2 SAPs on Wyhl (V-9452)

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. 2nd Lt. ROBERT E. SMITHERMAN, MIA, vic. Freiburg; O-830112 ASN.

H. NIL

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 5
c) 15
3. Locomotives
c) 1
4. Railroad Cars
c) 12
9. Miscellaneous Buildings
a) 20
10. Roads Cut
a) 1
11. Railroads Cut
a) 2

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13. Horse Drawn Vehicles
    c) 3
14. M/T Attacked
    c) 4

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH C. GRAZIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

4 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statististical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 164 for 24 hours ending Sunset 3 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Bales, took off at 0847 on a close support mission with "Allsquare". "Baggage", however, assigned M/Y at Brisach as target. 22 x 500 and 10 x 100 WP on M/Y. Minor damage to tracks, no other results observed. 2 x 500 and 1 x 100 WP dropped at W-3750, 1 rail cut. Strafed at W-2765 - 10 boxcars with hay, no claims. Strafed at W-3755 2 trains, 1 loco and 8 pass. cars, 1 with loco and 7 flat cars with M/T headed S, NRO. Moderate inaccurate heavy flak encountered at Brisach; intense inaccurate light at V-8836. At Brisach the weather was scattered clouds down to 2,500' with poor air to ground vis. T.O.T. 0920, T.D. 1031.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 23:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 10,548 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 11x100 WP Instant.
(ii) 24x500 " " " " " 11x100 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 165 for 24 hours ending Sunset 3 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Stobaugh, took off at 0857 on a close support mission with "Allsquare". Sq. hit overcast 25 miles E of Base, 8 a/c aborted. -- 7 due to weather. 4 x 500 and 1 x 100 on M/Y at W-1281, 25 boxcars in yard, all near misses, NRO. 4 x 500 jet. safe at Z-7892; 2 x 500 jet safe at Z-8777; 2 x 500 jet. safe at U-9813; 6 x 500 jet at W-0583; 1 x 100 WP jet. at U-9813. 6 x 100 ret. to base. Weak inaccurate heavy flak encountered at W-0555. 10/10 2,000' broken to ground N & E of Rambersvillers, over target, CAVU. T.O.T. 0920, T.D. 1006.

B. (i) 10 P-47's
(ii) 2 "
(iii) (a) 7, (b) and (d) NIL; (c) Prop governor out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 2

C. NIL

D. (i) 11;50 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 20,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 20 x 500 G.P. M103 nose, M101A1 tail. 9x100 WP AN M126 WD
(ii) 4 x 500 " " " " " 1x100 " " " "
(iii) 14 x 500 " " " " " 2x100 " " " "
(iv) Nil (2 x 500 & 6 x 100 with same fuse returned to base)

G. NIL

H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 166 for 24 hours ending Sunset 3 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 0907 on a close support mission with "Allsquare" or to hit RR bridge at W-492216 and then recce area 9. "Allsquare Queen" assigned town of Neuf Brisach as target. 24 x 500 and 11 x 100 WP dropped, all bombs in town. Many fires started, with an estimate of half of the town destroyed. Sq. recced from Mulheim to Sasbach - no activity observed. 1 x 100 W.P. jet in river E of base. Frlak was moderate accurate heavy at V-8935, V-7823, V-9149 and V-8435. Weather over target was 5/10 in layers 3-8,000' and 10/10 at 11,000', tops unknown. T.O.T. 0930-1015, T.D. 1045.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

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C. NIL

D. (i) 21:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 520 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. M101A1 8-11 delay, 12x100 WP M126A1 ND.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " 11x100 " " "
(iii) 1x100 " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.
4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives :

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned :

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions) :

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing : NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name) :

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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W. L. ROBIN, JR.
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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' NO. 110 for 24 hours ending sunset, 3 February, '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3692, TR/12/3/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0830-0945. To recce Strassbourg-Karlsruhe-Pirmasens-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0850-0925. WEATHER: 10/10 2-9000' over area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Bitche area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3693, TR/9/3/5.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0830-1035. To recce and photo in Breisach-Neuenburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 30 cars with steam up facing east, and 100 boxcars in M/Y at Breisach. 20 MT mvg. east at V-8936. F/B's bombed M/Y. 10 pontoons on east bank of Rhine just north of Breisach bridge. 6 MT mvg. east through town at V-[redacted]9421. Bridges at Breisach and Neuenburg intact. 8 MT stationary facing south in town at V-7434. 6 ambulances stationary in town at V-9724. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at Breisach. Light-intense-inaccurate in vicinity of V-9229. Light-intense-accurate at Neuenburg. PHOTOS: V-885358: Top of span on east end of RR bridge appears to have been damaged. RR still out on west approach to bridge, otherwise single lane bridge appears intact for MT traffic. V-859128.: RR bridge appears intact and being used for MT traffic. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0850-1015. WEATHER: 7/10 4000'-8500' over area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Breisach-Neuenburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3694, TR/1/3/1.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1030-1230. To recce Strassbourg-Stuttgart area. OBSERVATIONS: None because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050-1150. WEATHER: 10/10 2-7000', 8/10 9-10000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Stuttgart. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. #374 US ARMY

3 February 1945

TO : Commanding Officer, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S[redacted]

OPREP A NO. 141 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 3 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 367 (TR/15/3/15)

A. 2 F6-D's from 0830-1000. To weather Recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0845-0945. WEATHER: 10/10 top, 8000' to deck, another layer to 15,000'.
B. 2 F6-D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 368 (TR/18/3/18)

A. 2 F6-C's from 1045-1205. To weather recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1055-1140. WEATHER: 10/10 from dect to 7500'. Open from 7500' to 9000', above 9000' 10/10.
B. 2 F6-C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 2 hrs. 40 mins. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 369 (TR/7/3/13)

A. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C from 1030-1145. To weather recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to weather. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: NIL. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045-1055. WEATHER: 10/10 from deck to 14,000' entire Target Area.
B. 1 F6-B & 1 F6-C (ii) 2 attacking Route #4. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. N IL. F. NIL.
D. 2 hrs. 30 mins. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 309 for 24 hours ending sunset
3 February 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, First Tactical Air Force (Prov), APO 374.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

REF: 2/3/45 S E C R E T

OPREP A No 537 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 3, 1945.

A. Two Beaufighters airborne on intruder missions in Colmar area. First intruder from 17:40 to 19:20. At 18:20 fired four-second burst at three lights at V-7223; began pull-out and the fired at another light approximately 500 yards ahead in same sighting. Two large fires and flashes were observed. At same time fired upon by light, inaccurate flak. At 18:45 large, green light went by on starboard side at W-0176. Gained altitude and started to leave area. Was told to go back to target by GCI, Baggage, but returned to base because engines were not functioning properly. Second intruder from 17:40 to 19:40. Saw large fire S of Colmar at 18:30 hrs. Flew N along Rhine looking for targets. At W-0566 saw lights which disappeared while getting into position to straff. Immediately after saw green streak traveling at a great speed at Angels 3 or 4, about four miles ahead, going from E to W, time 18:45 hrs. Returned to base when Port engine started acting up.

B. (i) Two Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Two

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 03:40

E. (i) 12,000 x .303
2,000 x 20MM
(ii) 150 x .303
60 x 20MM

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 2 Supply dumps (explosive and inflammable material) - V-7223

Harold F. Augsburger
HAROLD F. AUGSBURGER,
Major, AC., Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
3 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 267.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 267 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO - 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 9, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0811 hours, 2 February 1945, Lt. Sautter leading, 16 P-47D's took off. 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 Lb bombs and strafed the town of Saufftenheim, R-165255. Ground controller reported 12 tanks in this town. 18 direct hits were scored which destroyed half of the town and started 4 large fires. 1 large red explosion which belched black smoke indicated that a fuel dump was probably hit. 50 buildings were destroyed. 2 x 500 Lb bombs were jettisoned safely by aborting aircraft at Q-390125. Intense accurate, light and heavy flak encountered at R-165255. Time down at A-96, 1016 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0824 hours, 2 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading, 12 P-47D's took off. 4 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb bombs at W-052665. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb bombs on a town at W-205782, 1 hit was scored. 2 railcuts were observed at W-052665. Squadron strafed and damaged a locomotive at W-732842. Squadron strafed and damaged a locomotive at Q-825892. 1 light flak gun and 1 M/T destroyed at Q-8580. Intense, accurate, light and heavy flak encountered at W-155855, W-5090 and W-732842. Time down at A-96, 1113 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1153 hours, 2 February 1945, Capt. Bass leading, 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 Lb, 11 x 265 frag bombs on the East end of a town at R-097197 destroying 30 buildings. 2 x 500 Lb and 1 x 265 frag bombs were jettisoned at Q-385125 in a lake. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at R-097197. Time down at A-96, 1341 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1226 hours, 2 February 1945, Capt Lamour leading, 11 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 Lb., 5 x 100 WP bombs on cross roads at Bresheim, V-853378 scoring 1 road block. Squadron dropped 2 x 100 WP bombs on Offenburg with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at V-853378. Time down at A-96, 1420 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1505 hours 2 February 1945, Capt. Herrick leading, 14 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 Lb bombs on a M/Y at Newstadt, 1 long ammunition warehouse was destroyed with violent explosions and a number of fires started. Squadron strafed a 50 car train headed North at Heppenheim, M-6516, 25 strafing passes were made on this train loaded with railroad guns, volks-

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wagons and half tracks, 1 locomotive was destroyed, 20 volkswagons destroyed 15 halftracks destroyed and 50 flat cars damaged. Squadron was low on gas, but none-the-less Capt. Herrick and another remained over target to direct another squadron to target. Returning to base these two ships strafed and destroyed 1 locomotive South of Heppenheim. Intense, accurate, heavy flak encountered over Newstaat. Time down at A-96 1714 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1536 hours 2 February 1945, Lt. Savides leading, 14 P-47D's took off. 2 aircraft carried leaflets. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 Lb bombs at Ranfach, V-671305, road block was scored and 1 M/T destroyed. 7 x 100 MP bombs were dropped at V-680340 with unobserved results, this area was strafed, 4 M/T were destroyed 6 M/T damaged, 1 staff car damaged. 1 x 100 MP bomb was jettisoned at V-414410. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at V-671305. Time down at A-96, 1751 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Leaflet Dropping mission from A-96 at 1156 hours, 2 February 1945, Lt. Borges leading, 4 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 6 Propaganda bombs were dropped at V-6744, V-6646 with excellent results. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1315 hours.

A. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1729 hours, 2 February 1945, Major Riggin leading, 8 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 Lb bombs on Neuf Breisach with unobserved results. Squadron dropped 4 x 500 Lb bombs on a bridge at Breisach, darkness made observation impossible. Intense inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered over Breisach. Time down at A-96 1847 hours.

DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 87 x P-47D
2. 82
3. 5 - 3 rough engine
2 escort
4. to 6. Nil
7. 6 - Cat I flak.
8. 86 sorties

C. 15 x 75 gal tanks carried
No tanks jettisoned

D. 1. 172 hours x P-47D
2. None

E. 165,300 rds x 50 cal.
47,413 expended

F. 1. 132 x 500 - 22 x HDX. Inst., 112 x GP Inst.
15 x 100 MP
12 x 265 Frag

2. 128 x 500
14 x 100
11 x 265

LEAFLET DROPPING MISSION

B. 1. 4 x P-47D
2. 4
3. to 7. Nil
8. 4 sorties

C. None

D. 5 hours x P-47D

E. 7600 rds
None

F. 6 Propaganda bombs

G. H. and I. Nil.

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3. 4 x 500
   1 x 500
   1 x 265

G. and H. Nil

I. Other Claims on Ground

50 buildings dest at R-165255
2 railcuts at W-052665
1 loco dam at W-732842
1 loco dam at Q-825892
1 flak gun, 1 M/T des at Q-8580
30 buildings dest at R-097197
1 road block at V-853378
1 ammo whse dest at Newstadt
1 M/Y damaged at Newstadt
1 loco dest, 20 volkswagons dest, 15 halftracks dest, 50 flat cars dam at W-6516.
1 loco dest at Heppenheim
1 Rd block, 1 M/T dest. at V-671305
4 M/T dest, 6 M/T damaged, 1 staff car dam at V-680340

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374 U. S. Army
2 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 2 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2621

12 P-47s of t e 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0745 down at 0935. Target, trains at W-7543. T.O.T. 0840, bomb run to 3000', 2 near misses on Loco, 2 hits E. of tracks into factory type building causing explosion, building destroyed. 10 hits E. of tracks, 1 hit on rails behind train causing rail cut, 7 hits east of train, no claims, 12 hits W of tracks. Scant LAA from target. Weather 8/10ths to 9/10ths over Rhine at 14,000', CAVU at target. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2622

16 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0800 down at 1000. Target, town of Biesheim at W-855375. T.O.T. 0830, bomb run to 2000', 10 A/C bombed, 10 rockets hit town, result 1 large explosion. 17 hits in town and 1 hit in river, 2 large fires started. 4 A/C bombed at road junction at W-860370. T.O.T. 0900, bomb run to 2000', 3 hits on road W. of junction, road blocked. 9 hits E. of junction, possible road block. Flight recced Hagenau-Bitche area. 6 rockets in town of Burkheim at W-890445, unobserved. 2 rockets at W-0947 unobserved. Intense accurate LAA & HAA entire Breisach area. Scant HAA at Seltz - Bitche & E. of Hagenau. Weather 1/10th to 3/10ths at 15,000' at target. 2 A/C damaged, flak. 2 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble.
Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 100 lb Phos., 18 rockets.

Mission 2623

12 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0800 down at 1000. Target, train at W-113423. T.O.T. 0840, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits on RR spur at W-113432, rail cut, 2 hits & 3 near misses on RR bridge, bridge damaged. 6 near misses & 4 hits on rear of train, 2 boxcars destroyed & rails cut. 8 hits unobserved. 1 A/C jettisoned bombs armed at W-2080, results unobserved. 7 x 100 lb Phos. unobserved. Flight then strafed train, loco & 8 boxcars damaged. Strafed train at W-225706, loco & 6 boxcars damaged. Strafed loco at W-245721, loco damaged, strafed 12 boxcars at W-2772, 8 damaged. Intense LAA, accurate from all towns in Zell area. 1 A/C damaged, flak. Cpt. #2 & 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cpt. #1. 1 Pilot K.I.A., strafing. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2624

11 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1025 down at 1205. Flight recced W. of Rhine to 8521. Target, 14 loco & boxcars at W-335652. T.O.T. 1110, bomb run to 2000', 32 hits in M/Y, results 2 rail cuts, 1 building destroyed, 10 boxcars destroyed. Further observation impossible due to smoke. A/C strafed M/Y, 15 boxcars damaged. Intense LAA at target. Intense HAA from New Breisch to V-8521. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos. 1 x 100 lb Phos. hungup, jettisoned at Q-4217.

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Mission 2625

11 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1100 down at 1240. Target, Q-782516. T.O.T. 1140, bomb run to 1500', 27 hits in target area, 1 bomb hung dropped armed at Q-9060. Results unobserved. 2 A/C strafed 1 MT at Q-788873, MT damaged. Moderate inaccurate LAA from target. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C did not get off, mechanical trouble. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2626

14 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1105 down at 1305. Target, tanks & artillery at Q-788518. T.O.T. 1130, bomb run to 1500', 1 hit NW of target, 23 hits target area, 2 hits on RR tracks at Q-780502 cutting rails, 1 hit in Camp De Bitche. Results 2 fires, target area. Flight recced from Pirmasens to Neustadt. 2 A/C shot rockets at RR tracks and underpass & boxcars at R-145836. 1 building damaged, 7 boxcars damaged by strafing. 1 A/C shot rockets into Pirmasens at Q-905665, 3 buildings damaged. 1 A/C shot rockets at RR & underpass at Q-653723, cut track in two places, 1 rocket damaged overpass. 4 A/C strafed boxcars at Q-945773, 30 boxcars damaged. 4 A/C strafed boxcars at Q-938796, 10 damaged. 4 A/C strafed at Q-938762, 10 boxcars damaged. Moderate accurate LAA & scant inaccurate HAA in Bitche area. Weather 1/10ths 5000' to 10,000'. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb Phos. 24 rockets.

Mission 2627

10 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1315 down at 1520. Target, town of Oberasheim at V-865322. T.O.T. 1400, bomb run to 3000', 2 hits in E.side of town, road block, 6 hits in center of town destroying 5 buildings & causing road block, 12 hits into town, results unobserved. Flight recced Colmar - Mayenhein area. Strafed 15 horse drawn vehicles at V-715239. 1 x 100 lb Phos dropped at this point damaged 1 building. Flight strafed 5 horse drawn vehicles at V-715220 results unobserved. 8 A/C bombed 20 plus boxcars at W-342650. 7 hits in station, 10 boxcars damaged, 1 hit on bridge, no claim. Flight strafed & damaged 3 buildings at R-295075, strafed between R-250030 & R-275077, 3 MT damaged. Strafed & damaged 2 boxcars at R-275077. Moderate LAA at V-865322 & R-210072. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2628

9 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1345 down at 1535. Target, road junction at V-8536. T.O.T. 1415, bomb run to 1500', 2 hits at V-851361, road block, 19 hits in general area. Flight recced from V-737345 to South. Flight strafed horse drawn vehicles & few MT at V-737345, results damaged 27 horse drawn vehicles. Killed approx. 10 horses & destroyed 4 MT. Scant inaccurate LAA at New Breisach. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C damaged flak, Cat. #1, 1 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 5 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2629

13 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1400 down at 1545. Target, ammo dump at V-847362. T.O.T. 1430, bomb run to 2000', 24 rockets hit in target area, 16 bomb hits in target area, 7 hits NE of target & 1 hit in town at V-8924, no results observed. Flight recced from New Breisach to Mulhouse. 4 A/C strafed road from Colmar to Rooffach, destroying 5 MT, damaged 30 MT & 20 horsedrawn vehicles. 8 A/C strafed from V-735345 to V-745285, destroyed 3 MT & damaged 10 MT. 10 horse drawn vehicles damaged, 2 destroyed. 4 A/C strafed MT at V-665315, 1 MT destroyed, explosion starting large fire in town destroying 5 buildings. 4 MT damaged. Moderate accurate LAA & HAA at bombing target, scant inaccurate LAA at V-680325. Moderate HAA at Breisach to V-895250. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C damaged flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos, 24 rockets.

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Mission 2630

11 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1615 down at 1815, target, train at M-6518, 1 loco & 30 flat cars loaded with MT. T.O.T. 1705, bomb run to 500', 1 direct hit on train, started fire, 5 cars destroyed, 10 MT destroyed, 31 hits in town of Heppenheim, starting 6 fires, strafed train 25 RR cars damaged & 50 MT damaged. Intense small arms fire from target & town. Weather CAVU, overcast 6000'. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2631

10 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1620 down at 1745, target town of Bresheim at V-855378. T.O.T. 1705, bomb run to 1000' 22 hits in target area, 3 hits near area & 1 bomb dropped at Q-1813. 2 buildings destroyed. Recced route #6. Intense LAA & scant HAA from Neu Breisach to Breisach. Scant HAA at W-9080, moderate LAA at V-879447. Strafed 3 MT at W-0981, 2 damaged. Weather 4/10ths at 6000' at target. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2632

12 P-47s of the 314th fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1630 down at 1800, target, Fort at V-850387. T.O.T. 1735, bomb run to 2000', 2 direct hits, 2 hits at V-850358, road block. 18 rockets went into fort, results unobserved. Flight recced road SW of Neubreisach, strafed & shot rockets at V-890350. 7 MT destroyed & 21 damaged. 1 building damaged. 1 horse drawn vehicle destroyed & 8 damaged. Strafed at V-682282, 6 MT damaged. 30 boxcars damaged at V-680345. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 4 x 500 lb GP, 24 rockets.

Note 4 B	(i)	141	
	(ii)	137	
	(iii) C.	4	
	(vi)	1	
	(vii)	7	Cat.#1
		1	Cat.#2
	(viii)	137	
C	(i)	12	75 gal.
	(ii)	8	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	243:10	
Note 6 E	(i)	285,600	
	(ii)	95,240	
Note 7 F	(i)	240 x 500 lb GP	
		89 x 100 lb Phos	
		66 Rockets	
	(ii)	232 x 500 lb GP	
		87 x 100 lb Phos	
		66 Rockets	
	(iii)	1 x 100 lb Phos.	
		(Returned 8 x 500 lb GP and 1 x 100 lb Phos. to base)	
Note 8 G		1 Pilot K.I.A.	

Note 10 I	Des.	Damaged
MT	29	127
Loco		3
RR cars	17	161
Bridges		1
Horse drawn vehicles	3	65
Buildings	14	7
	Complete	Partial
Road blocks	5	1
RR Cuts	7	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
10 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 274.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 274 for 24 hours ending sunset 9 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1312 hours, 9 February 1945, Lt. Center leading, 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1454 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1321 hours, 9 February 1945, Major Personett leading, 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Escort mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down A-96 1510 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0820 hours, 9 February 1945, Lt. Huttenberger leading. 16 P-47D's took off, 3 aircraft aborted. 24 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were carried, 22 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were dropped on targets. 2 x 500 Lb G.P. bombs were jettisoned safely in lake at Toul. 8 x 500 Lb bombs dropped on M/Y at X-4767 - Ehinger, resulting in damage to M/Y. 2 box cars and 4 buildings were destroyed. 4 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Rottenacker, X-4561, 4 buildings were destroyed and considerable damage caused to M/Y. 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a train headed East at X-405612, 1 locomotive and 15 RR cars were destroyed and 1 railcut was scored. 2 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a small town near Staufen with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at X-4767. Time down at A-96 1027 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0752 hours, 9 February 1945, Captain Reiff leading. 14 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 4 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a town at W-343495, 4 buildings were destroyed. 18 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on Herrenberg, 1 factory was damaged. Squadron strafed one train at W-830990, 1 RR car was destroyed, 2 RR cars damaged. 1 M/T full of personnel was strafed and destroyed at W-830990. 2 electric locomotives were strafed and damaged at R-850030. 4 box cars, 2 large gas tanks and 5 automobiles were damaged at R-850030. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-830000. Time down at A-96, 0944 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0807 hours, 9 February 1945, Captain Rowland leading. 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 14 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Hoffenger, 15 box cars and 5 passenger cars were destroyed. 30 rockets were directed at a tunnel at W-6026, 12 hits were scored, the rails were cut on both sides of the tunnel and great damage caused to the tunnel. 8 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped at W-6524 scoring 1 railcut. 1 locomotive was strafed and destroyed at W-6725. 1 loco-

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motive strafed and destroyed at W-5433 and 7 passenger cars damaged. Scant, accurate, light flak encountered at W-563251. Time down A-96, 1015 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1345 hours, 9 February 1945, Lt. Kopp leading. 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 24 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a railroad line at V-875070, 4 railcuts were scored here, 2 other railcuts at V-873065, 2 road blocks at V-874062. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at V-875070. Time down at A-96, 1526 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1556 hours, 9 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 24 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a RR at Kenzingen, 1 railcut was scored and considerable damage caused to the town. 1 self-propelled gun strafed and destroyed at W-073680. 2 H/D vehicles destroyed at W-065662. 10 buildings exploded with brilliant orange flame at W-092677 after squadron strafed. 4 buildings and 6 M/T destroyed at Kippenheim. 3 M/T damaged at W-040512. 6 box cars damaged at W-076716. 3 ammo trucks destroyed at W-075685. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at W-021548. Time down at A-96, 1811 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1610 hours, 9 February 1945, Captain Lamour leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 19 x 500 Lb bombs through an opening in the overcast on a M/Y at V-975248, 2 direct hits destroyed 1 large maintenance building, M/Y damaged. 5 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a railroad "V" at W-036306 with unobserved results. Flak guns at V-975248 were strafed with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at V-975248. Time down at A-96, 1747 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1641 hours, 9 February 1945, Lt. Mesrobian leading. 15 P-47D's took off, 2 aircraft aborted. Aborting aircraft jettisoned 4 x 500 Lb bombs safely in a lake at U-5823. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 Lb bombs on Breisach, destroying 45 buildings. 1 large explosion resulted and the red flame and grey smoke indicated that an ammo dump was probably hit. 1 railcut was scored at V-890362. Scant, accurate, light flak encountered over Breisach. Time down at A-96 1829 hours.

Dive Bomb

B. 1. 104 x P-47D
2. 99
3. 5 - 1 tachometer out
2 oil leak
1 rough engine
1 escort
4. thru 6. None
7. 4 aircraft. 2 CAT I, 2 CAT II, flak
8. 101 sorties

C. 1. 27 x 75 gal tanks carried
2. None

D. 1. 194 hours x P-47D
2. None

Escort

B. 1. 31 x P-47D
2. 31
3. thru 7. None
8. 31 sorties

C. None

D. 54 hours x P-47D

E. 1. 58,900
2. None

F. G. H. and I. None

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E. 1. 197,600 rds x .50 cal
2. 44,491

F. 1. 164 x 500 lb G.P. Normal fusing
2. 158
3. 6
(30 Rockets 4.5 carried and expended)

G. and H. None

I. Other Claims on Ground.

2 box cars, 4 buildings dest at X-4767
1 M/Y damaged at X-4767
4 buildings dest, 1 M/Y damaged at X-4561
1 loco dest, 15 RR cars dest, 1 railcut at X-405612
4 buildings dest, W-343495
1 factory dest at W-830990
1 M/T dest at W-830990
2 electric locomotives dam, 4 RR cars dam, 2 gas tanks dam at W-850030
5 automobiles damaged at Herrenberg
15 box cars, 5 passenger cars destroyed at W-563251
1 tunnel damaged, 2 railcuts at W-6026
1 railcut at W-6524
1 loco dest at W-6725
1 loco dest at W-5433
7 passenger cars dam at W-5433
4 railcuts at V-875070
2 railcuts at V-873065
2 roadblocks at V-874062
1 railcut at W-021548
1 self-propelled gun dest at W-073680
2 H/D vehicles dest at W-065662
10 buildings dest at W-092677
6 M/T dest at W-065660
4 buildings dest, 3 M/T dam, at W-040512
6 box cars, 3 ammo trucks dest at W-075685
1 building dest at V-975248
45 buildings dest at Breisach
1 railcut at V-890362

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
9 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 9 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2644

12 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0840 down at 1050, target, RR between V-922180 and V-910510. 5 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 0918, bomb run to 1000'. 1 hit cut rails at V-918169, 3 hits beside tracks, 2 hits at V-925215, 4 hits E. of tracks. 1 A/C bombed Karlsruhe M/Y. T.O.T. 0935, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits at R-473436 , 1 hit at R-480435, no damage observed. 6 A/C did not get off, 1 mechanical & 5, runway blocked. Flight strafed train with 2 locos at R-722458, 2 locos & 3 cars damaged. 2 x 100 Phos dropped here, did not explode. 2 A/C strafed loco at R-692490, loco exploded. Flight strafed 1 loco & 17 flat cars loaded with MT at R-595473, loco damaged, 5 large fires started. 22 MT, 11 flat cars, 2 boxcars destroyed, flight strafed & damaged loco at R-614430. 1 x 100 Phos. dropped in Rastatt, no results observed. Scant LAA & HAA at R-5040, moderate LAA at V-9116. Weather, CAVU north of Karlsruhe, 10/10ths 1500' to 3000' S. of Karlsruhe. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2645

11 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0845 down at 1030, target M/Y at Worms (M-448157). T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 2000', 9 bombs 4 rockets in building east of Yds. 3 bombs on roundhouse, 6 bombs among boxcars, 15 bombs & 6 rockets scattered in M/Y. Results, roundhouse damaged, 10 boxcars destroyed, possible rail cut, large fires in building area. Flight strafed & fired 4 rockets at locos at M-312077, missed train but hit buildings. 4 buildings damaged, 1 explosion. Flight strafed & fired 2 rockets at MT at M-307063. 2 MT destroyed. 4 A/C strafed MT at M-323061. 1 Mt damaged, strafed M/Y at M-312077, 8 boxcars damaged. Scant LAA & HAA at Worms. Weather, Saverne, 10/10ths, 2000' to 7000' from Saverne to Kaiserlautern 10/10ths, 2000' - 7000'. 2 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. 1. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 11 x 100 lb Phos., 16 rockets.

Mission 2646

12 P-47s of the 314th & 315th Fighter Squadrons on dive bombing mission up at 0930 down at 1145, target, trains in Durlach area. T.O T. 1045, bomb run to 500'. 3 A/C bombed loco & 10 passenger cars at R-6441. 1 hit beside train, damaging 2 cars, 1 hit cut rail in front of train, 3 hits on cars, destroying 5, 1 hit on loco destroying loco, 3 misses. 3 A/C bombed train NW of above train, same T.O.T. & bomb run , 2 hits on boxcars, destroying 2, 7 hits unobserved. 4 A/C bombed loco & 50 boxcars at R-639469, same T.O.T. & bomb run, 7 hits to right of track, 4 hits unobserved. Moderate LAA, 1st target, scant LAA & HAA at R-639469. Weather 10/10ths base 2000' from base to Saverne, clear strip along Rhine. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-3812. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2647

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1325 down at 1540, target town of Kindweiller at Q-898291, T.O.T. 1445, bomb run 1000'. 18 hits in town, 2 hits S. & 4 hits E. Made 2 strafing runs on town, 3 fires started. Scant HAA at R-3030, scant LAA & small arms at target. Weather 8/10ths 2000' to 14,000' entire route. 2 A/C did not get off. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned 2 x 500 lb bombs at Q-3831. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2648

9 P-47s of the 314th & 316th Fighter Squadrons on dive bombing mission up at 1320 down at 1550, target RR at W-940211. T.O.T. 1415, bomb run to 3000', 4 hits on tracks, 2 rail cuts, 8 hits E, 6 hits W. of tracks. Started recce of route 8, flight bombed airfield at W-825940, bomb run to 8000', 9 bombs dropped, all misses. Strafed loco & 30 cars at Eppingen, loco & 5 cars damaged. Scant HAA at Freiburg. Weather 10/10ths to 12,000' over Vosges Mts. E. of Rhine 10/10ths to 14,000'. Bombs exp: 18 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2649

11 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1345 down at 1555, target, guns at R-097211. T.O.T. 1435, bomb run to 1000', 32 bombs & 13 rockets in target area. Strafed area twice. Flight recced Karlsruhe - Durlach - Pforzheim. Flight strafed & fired 10 rockets at loco & 30 plus box & flat cars loaded with MT at R-583465. Rocket hit loco, destroying it, 1 boxcar destroyed, 2 damaged, 8 MT destroyed & 10 damaged. Scant LAA at target. Scant HAA at R-205268, moderate HAA & scant LAA at R-558457. Weather 8/10ths from 3000' to 12,000' entire route. 1 A/C damaged Flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos., 23 rockets.

Mission 2650

1 P-47 of the 315th Fighter Squadron on weather recce & dive bombing mission up at 1400 down at 1530, target Offenburg M/Y. T.O.T. 1450, bomb run to 3000'. 3 hits E. of yd, no claims. Scant LAA at target. Weather, snow storm & 6/10ths in target area. Storm down to deck N. of Strausbourg, storm SW near Selestat. Storm E. of Rhine level with Strausbourg. Bombs exp: 2 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2651

13 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1650 down at 1815, target RR between W-030620 & W-068700. T.O.T. 1740, bomb run to 1500', 30 bombs & 14 rockets. Results, 5 rail cuts & 1 large fire in town at W-058643. Weather 8/10ths to 10/10ths, 3000' to 12,000' E. of Rhine. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-4213. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos., 14 rockets.

Mission 2652

12 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1640 down at 1800, target RR at W-2564. T.O.T. 1720, bomb run to 500', 3 hits on tracks, cut rails, 3 hits on rails at W-2664, cut rails, 7 misses at this point. 18 hits in town at W-2643, started 4 small fires. Moderate LAA at W-2643. Weather 10/10ths, 4000' to 14,000' Rhine Valley, clear S. of Strausbourg. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2653

10 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1700 down at 1830, target train at R-330690. T.O.T. 1735, bomb run to 2000', 2 direct hits in center of train, 2 hits on tracks, rail cut, 4 hits S. & 3 hits N. of tracks, 3 hits beside train, 2 misses. Flight strafed train, 1 small fire started in center of train, 2 cars destroyed. Accurate result impossible due to darkness. 11 bombs unobserved. Moderate LAA at target. Weather 10/10ths on top of Mts. 3/10ths 7000' over target. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb Phos.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 9 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	103	
	(ii)	91	
	(iii)c.	6	
	d.	6	
	(vii)	3	Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	91	
	C (i)	5	75 gal.
	(ii)	3	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	174:55	
Note 6 E	(i)	206,000	
	(ii)	45,260	
Note 7 F	(i)	206 x 500 lb GP 81 x 100 lb Phos 58 Rockets	
	(ii)	162 x 500 lb GP 70 x 100 lb Phos 53 Rockets	
	(iii)	6 x 500 lb GP 1 x 100 lb Phos	
		(Returned 18 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos & 5 rockets to base).	

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	32	11
RR Locos	3	5
RR Cars	33	15
Buildings	0	5

Railcuts complete 12

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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10 February 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 208 for the period ending Sunset 9 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15 and 16. Escort medium bombers.

A. A.O.15 14 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1150 to give bomber escort to B-26's. Route flown was base to Luneville to Rhine River in the vicinity of V-9976 and return to base. R/V was at 1240 hours. T.O.T. was 1255 hours. Bombers turned back to Rhine and squadron left the bombers at Auricourt, 1315 hours. No observations. No flak. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 8-10/10 with tops at 12 to 14,000 ft. Tops were higher on the east side of the Rhine. Visibility above the clouds was excellent, but below it was limited to 4-5 miles. Down 1345.

A.O.16 12 P-47s of the 367th squadron dispatched at 1208 to give escort to medium bombers. Route flown was base to Luneville to target to Orstein to Baccarat to base. Squadron R/V with bombers, who were 10 minutes late, at Luneville at 14,000 ft, 1257 hours. T.O.T. was 1257. Briefed course was flown and bombers hit PT at 1345 hours. They had a good concentration on the bridge but smoke from the bombs prevented further observations. Squadron left bombers at 1415 hours in the vicinity of Baccarat, 17,000 ft. No flak. No claims. No losses. No e/a. Weather: 6/10 cloud, base 2,000, tops 5,000, and visibility good. Down 1430.

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B. (i) 26 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 26 A/C completed missions on escort of bombers.

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(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 26

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 61:35
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 62,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4.(2) Operation No.: A.O. 17,18,19,20,21,22 and 23. Dive-bombing missions.

A. A.O.17 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0725 hours to dive-bomb bridge, at B-296880. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Basle to Rottweil to Strasbourg to Base. T.O.T.: 0830-0910. Unable to bomb primary target because of weather. 16 x 1000 GP bombs dropped in M/Y at Rottweil, 9 hits were in the yard, and claim 1 loco destroyed, 1 loco damaged, 1 M/Y damaged. 7 hits were N.R.O. 60-75 box cars and 3 locos with steam up (1 going E and 2 headed W), which were in the yard, were starfed, but no claims are made. 2 of the GPs in this M/Y went into a warehouse, causing a gas explosion, so a further claim of one warehouse destroyed. 6 bombs were dropped on a road bridge over Rt at W-6850, this bridge being made up of 7 span concrete construction. There were 2 direc t hits and claim 1 pillar knocked out; there were also 4 hits in the tracks and claim 4 rail cuts. 2 bombs were dropped on the 10 span road bridge over Rt in town of Rottweil, but N.R.O. E/a none encountered; no losses; Weather: 10/10 deck, tops 17-18,000 ft, visibility above, 10 miles, below, 3 miles. Flak: moderate, heavy and weak, light at Rottweil. Time down: 0945 hours.

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A.O.18 11 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0751 hours to dive-bomb RR bridge at Offenburg (W-149849) and also to conduct armed recce. The planes carried 32 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Offenburg to base. T.O.T: 0840-0850. Recce was not completed because alternate targets were found at Oberkirch. MTs consisting of vans, half-tracks, and trucks were observed moving SE alond road into Oberkirch at W-1450. 10 plus MTs and half tracks were observed in Oberkirch itself. All bombs (32 x 500# GPs) were dropped on the RR bridge at W-149849; 3 bombs fell on the north side of the bridge on the west bank; and 3 fell on the north side on the east bank; 6 fell in the water very close to the bridge; there were 17 near misses. Claim minor damage to the bridge and 3 buildings destroyed by misses. A loco and 15 cars, loaded with unknown equipment, headed south at Renchen, were strafed at 0920 hours. Claim loco and 15 cars damaged. A loco and 8 passenger cars headed south at W-1999 were also strafed. Claim one car left burning and destroyed and loco and 7 other cars left burning and destroyed. The following were all damaged or destroyed by strafing in the vicinity of Oberkirch: 1 MT damaged at W-2493; 2 MT (loading lumber) damaged at Oberkirch; 1 MT and trailer damaged at Oberkirch; 2 half-tracks damaged at Oberkirch; 4 MTs and buildings damaged at W-2440; 1 MT damaged at W-2391.1 MT destroyed at W-2493; 3 MDV destroyed W-2493; 1 MT destroyed at W-2695; 1 MT destroyed at Oberkirch; 1 MT destroyed at W-2691; 1 van destroyed at W-2440; 1 van destroyed at W-2693; 1 MT destroyed at W-2693. Flak was intense, light at Offenburg; moderate, light, at Renchen W-2099. No E/A encountered; no losses. Time down: 1009 hours. Weather: 8 to 9/10ths, base 2000, tops 9000, visibility above unlimited, below 3 to 4 miles.

A.O.19 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0800 to dive-bomb bridge at W-251244. Each aircraft carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. 1 bomb was returned to base and 1 fell off in the vicinity of W-9030. Route flown was base to Tuttlingin to base. T.O.T. was 0826-0930. Did not bomb P/T due to adverse weather conditions. The following observations were made: M/Y at Danaueschingen, W-5729, was active; another group was seen bombing a tunnel north of Mohringen, W-8020, and direct hit was seen in mouth of tunnel at north end. Squadron tried to contact Baggage on all channels but was unable to gethim. 34 GPs were dropped on Tuttlingin M/Y, which contained 20 stationary cars and 1 train consisting of loco and 10 box cars moving south; M/Y damaged. 4 warehouses and station destroyed (left burning), and loco and 10 box ars damaged by strafing. Strafed 1 loco and 4 box cars moving S at W-790310, 1 mile south of Tuttlingin - loco and 4 cars claimed as damaged. 1 loco strafed and damaged at a point 1½ miles S of Tuttlingin, W-790305. Flak: meager light at Ruttlingin, W-7942 and meager heavy at Frieberg; No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 running from 2000 to 10,000 over primary target, but a hole over Tuttlingen and Danaueschingen. Visibility good. Down 1025.

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A.O.20 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1330 hours to bomb bridge. 6 A/C carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs; and 6 A/C carried 2 x 1000# SAP bombs. Followed route of base to Steig to Villingen to base. Squadron could not bomb P/T because of target. 4 GP bombs and 4 SAP bombs were dropped at Schwenmingen at W-5942 in M/Y, where 100 cars, but no locos, were observed. 2 bombs fell in the town, 2 bombs on edge of M/Y and there were 2 misses. No claims. 8 SAP bombs and 8 GP bombs were dropped on the M/Y at Villingen, where again 100 cars, but no locos, were observed. 3 bombs fell in the M/Y, 3 bombs on the town, and there were 3 misses. Claim 1 M/Y damaged, 5 buildings destroyed, 4 cars destroyed. NRO on 7 bombs. 4 bombs hung up, causing them to overshoot. Inaccurate fix given by Baby. Weak, light and heavy flak at Villingen. Observations, nil. No losses, no E/A encountered. T.O.T. 1410 to 1510 hours. Time down: 1555 hours. Weather: 10/10 deck to 16,000 ft., visibility above unlimited, below 2 miles.

A.O.21 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1510 hours to bomb bridge at B-296880. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000# GP bombs. Followed route of base to B-2988 to W-251244 to base. TOT: 1610-1631 hrs. PT was weathered in, so squadron attacked bridge at W-251244, upon which 21 bombs were dropped. Of these, 4 were hits -- 1 direct on west end, 3 on east abuttment, however no visible damage but claim 2 rail cuts. 6 bombs were near misses and 11 were NRO. 2 bombs were jettisoned in open field near Base, Safe, plane trouble; and 1 bomb was returned to base. As a result of strafing, the following claims are made: at W-2720, 4 MT, headed SW, were destroyed; also at W-2720, 1 HDV headed SW was destroyed; at W-3220, where a small town was strafed and where 3 flat cars were observed empty, one box car was damaged. No E/A encountered; no losses. Flak was scant, light, at target. Time down: 1710 hours. Weather: 8/10 base 1000, tops 11,500, visibility 2 miles.

A.O.22 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1535 to dive bomb RR bridge at Homberg (W-368573). Each a/c carried 1 x 1000# GP and 1 x 1000# SAP. 1 a/c abortive- personnel - and returned to base with its bombs, 1 SAP and 1 GP. Route flown was base to Neustadt to Grunstadt to base. T.O.T. was 1615-1625. Baggage directed the squadron to proceed to Homburg M/Y where he reported 6 trains. 10/10 clouds in that area prevented locating target so squadron flew east to seek targets. 4 GPs and 4 SAPs on 3 locos and 90 box cars in small M/Y at Laumersheim (R-361066) - 2 hits in N end of yard, 2 hits in S end of yard damaged loco, and damaged M/Y. 2 locos and 30 cars damaged by strafing at smae point. 3 GPs and 3 SAPs on 150 box cars and 2 locos in Grunstadt M/Y (R-3107) - smoke observed from hits in the yard but weather prohibited further observations and hence no claims are made. 1 loco with 40 cars headed S with steam up and a red Cross train were in the yard at the time. 2 GPs and 1SAP were dropped on the town of Dannstadt (R-4292)- Claim - 7 buildings destroyed; 2 GPs and 2 SAPs on 2 trains of locos and 15 cars each headed S at R-3886 - direct hits destroyed 5 cars and cut RR. 1 loco destroyed and 1 loco damaged by strafing. 15 cars were also damaged in this attack. Flak: moderate heavy at Bohl (R-4188). No losses. No e/a. Weather: 5/10 with base 5,000 ft, tops 8,000 ft and visibility 5 to 8 miles. Down 1731.

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A.O.23 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 1650 to bomb bridge at W-149849. 5 a/c carried 2 x 500# GPs and 7 carried 3 x 500# GPs. 2 bombs were jettisoned at W-1091, armed, after they had hung up. Route flown was base to Offenburg to base. T.O.T. was 1710-1725. 15 bombs were dropped on RR bridge, PT, at W-149849; 2 direct hits on bridge, 2 rails cut on W end of bridge by 3 bombs, 5 bombs in town destroyed 2 buildings. 3 bombs dropped on tracks at W-1280-3 direct hits on tracks made 2 rail cuts. 2 bombs on road bridge N of target - missed. 9 bombs dropped in M/Y at W-0585 - 6 bombs on edge of M/Y caused and extremely large explosion followed by a 500 foot flame and smoke up to 1500 feet. It is believed that explosion was caused by ammo. 15 to 20 cars were in the yard at the time, but no locos. 7 buildings are claimed destroyed. No observations were made along route. Flak: intense light and weak heavy at Offenburg; moderate light at W-0585. Losses: 2 a/c - Cat 1; 1 a/c - Cat 2. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 with base at 1500, tops 16,000, rain, visibility 3 to 4 miles. Down 1750. Additional claims; 3 staff cars headed E at W-1084 destroyed by strafing. Numerous light flak positions in the vicinity of Offenburg were starfed - 5 damaged and personnel casualties.

B. (i) 83 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 8 A/C dropped bombs in M/Y at Mottweil.
3 a/c dropped bombs on a road bridge over RR at W-6850.
1 A/C dropped on a 10 span road bridge over RR in town of Mottweil.
11 A/C dropped bombs on RR bridge at W-149849.
12 A/C dropped bombs on Tuttlingin M/Y.
4 A/C dropped bombs at Schwenningen at W-5942.
8 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at Villingen,
11 A/C dropped bombs on bridge at W-251244.
11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Laumersheim R-361066.
150 box cars and 2 locos in Grunstaut M/Y R-3107.
Town of Darmstadt R-4299
2 trains of locos and 15 cars each at R-3886.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
RR bridge, PT, at W-149849.
Tracks at W-1280.
M/Y at W-0585.
81 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 a/c mechanical, 1 engine trouble; 1 prop.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged by flak; 1 cat 1; and 1 a/c cat 2.
(viii) 83

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C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 183:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 199,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 39,662 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 - 1000# GP bombs, fused -nose, M103; tail M101A2.
24 - 1000# SAP bombs, fused-nose, M103; tail M102A2.
99 - 500# GP bombs, fused- nose, M103; tail M101A2.
(ii) 68 - 1000# GPs, 23 - 1000# SAPs and 95 - 500# GPs expended as follows:-
16 on M/Y at Rottweil,
6 on a road bridge over RR at R-6850.
2 on the 10 span road bridge over RR in town of Rottweil.
32 on RR bridge at R-149849.
34 on Tuttlingin M/Y.
8 at Schwenningen at R-5942.
18 at M/Y at Villingen.
21 at bridge at R-251244.
8 on 3 locos and 90 box cars in M/Y at Lauersheim.
6 on 150 box cars and 2 locos in Grunstadt M/Y.
4 on town of Dannstadt R-4292.
4 on 2 trains of locos and 15 cars each, R-3886.
15 on RR bridge, PT at R-149849.
9 on M/Y at R-0585.
5 in town of Offenburg.
(iii) 2 - 1000# GP bombs jettisoned,in open field near base, safe,
2 - 500# GP bombs jettisoned at R-1091, armed, after they had hung up.
(iv) Nil
1 - 1000# GP bomb returned to base.
1 - 1000# GP bomb returned to base, abortive aircraft.
1 - 1000# SAP bomb returned to base, abortive aircraft.
1 - 500# GP bomb returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 11
c) Damaged, 11

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed 2
c) Damaged, 10

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 82

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5. Bridges,
   a/ Destroyed, 1
   c/ Damaged, 2

9. Buildings,
   a/ Destroyed, 25
   c/ Damaged, 1

11. Railroads cut, 8

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
    a/ Destroyed, 4

14. M/T attacked,
    c/ Damaged, 2

17. Other claims,
    Railroad station destroyed, 1
    Town, damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GAMIS,
2nd Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

10 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 184 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 45 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 0748 to D/B RR Bridge at Radstatt, unable to bomb bridge due to low overcast. 12 x 500 dropped in M/Y at R-5460, 1 M/Y damaged. 23 x 500 dropped on 1 loco and 10 passenger cars headed S at R-5562, with no hits and 6 near misses, 1 road cut. 1 loco and 10 passenger cars strafed and damaged at R-5263 headed S. Strafed and damaged 1 loco and 20 boxcars stationary in Germersheim. 1 x 500 dropped on train at Schwenmingern, missed train; cut road at R-4585. Flak, moderate, heavy, accurate from Lauterbourg to Landau. Weather, 10/10 from 2-5,000' to Rhine river. T.O.T. 0810, T.D. 0950.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 25:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,760 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36 x 500 RDX Instant Fuse.
(ii) 36 x 500 " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 2
4. (C) 30
10. (A) 2
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Oprep A No. 185 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 46 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Webster took off at 0814 on an Armed Recce in area of Radstatt, Neustat, Heilbronn and Karlsruke or RR bridge at Rastatt. Weather prevented attack on Rastatt RR Bridge. Sq. dropped 31 x 500 and strafed loco and 20 boxcars loaded with coal or other black material at R-400866, stationary with steam up, damaging 1 loco, dest. 6 and damaging 14. Flak was moderate, accurate, heavy at Karlsruke. Weather 8/10 from 5-9,000' in Rhine Valley, 10/10 from 2,500- 7,000' W of Vosges Mts. vis. 7 miles. T.O.T. 0915, T.D. 1005.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 3 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 26:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 2,620 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 31 x 500 RDX Inst.
(ii) 31 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1, 4. (A) 6. (C) 14. 11. (A) 2.

Oprep A No. 186 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Bacon, took off at 1311 on an A/R in area of Neustat, Karlsruke, Rastatt or RR Bridge at R-351287. 5 x 500 dropped on loco moving SE at R-675515, misses on loco but destroyed 3 houses and 1 road cut. 15 x 500 on loco and 8 passenger cars stationary in M/Y at R-690490 one direct hit on train, destroying 3 cars and cutting rails in two (2) places. 15 x 500 on bridge at R-351287, 2 hits on tracks, cutting rails NE of bridge. 1 x 500 jett. armed southern edge of Rastatt, hit army buildings, NRO. Light, moderate inaccurate flak at Rastatt. Weather 2/10 clouds in target area, 10/10 from 3-10,000' enroute, vis good. T.O.T. 1330-1440 T.D. 1505.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

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C. NIL

D. (i) 30:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 36 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 35 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 3, 9. (A) 3, 10. (A) 1, 11. (A) 3, 14. --- 1

Oprep A No. 187 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 February 1945, Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 1321 on an A/R in area of Rastatt, Neustat, Bockingen. 3 x 500 dropped N. approack to RR bridge at Radstatt causing slight damage. 3 x 500 on RR tracks at R-341283, 2 rail cuts, 3 x 500 destroyed large building at R-356290. 8 x 500 on buildings at R-348390, 5 buildings destroyed. 6 x 500 in M/Y at Rastatt, NRO. 3 x 500 on bridge at R-351289 all near misses. Flak, meager, light inaccurate, at RR bridge at Rastatt, R-351287. Weather 9/10 from 4-13,000' in target area, vis unlimited. T.O.T. 1430, T.D. 1521.

E. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 9 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d) NIL (c) 2 - 1-A/C for lack of Power on take-off jet. bombs on R/W and returned. 1-A/C for lack of power on take-off, hit ditch, jet bombs before becoming airborne, belly landed 5 mi from field.
(iv) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "E" Belly landed, landing gear would extend.
(viii) 9

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 384 " " "
(iii) Nil

D. (i) 22:30 hours
(ii) Nil

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F. (i) 18x500 RDX M-103, M101A2 ; 8 x 500 G.P. M-103, M101A2
(ii) " " " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (C) 1; 11. (A) 2; 9. (A) 6; 14. --- 1

Oprep A No. 188 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Jackson, took off at 1615 to D/B RR Bridge at R-351287. 36 x 500 dropped at Rastatt rail bridge. 4 direct hits and 9 near misses. Bridge severely damaged N span knocked out, destroyed 2 buildings near by with large explosion, 3 rail cuts on NE approack to bridge. 5 bombs hit in Rastatt M/Y with NRO. Strafed and damaged 1 loco and 15 boxcars at R-400379. Strafed and damaged 1 M/T and trailer at R-405392. Flak, moderate, inaccurate, heavy at R-351287. Weather 6/10 from 6-12,000' at target, haze inroute, vis. good. T.O.T. 1645-1715, T.D. 1750.

B. (i) 12 P-47(D's)
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "AC" (Flak).
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 21:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) .640 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 36 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (C) 1
3. (C) 1
4. (C) 15
5. (C) 1
9. (A) 2
11. (A) 3
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Oprep A No. 189 for 24 hours ending Sunset 9 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 1624 on an A/R in area of Rastatt, Neustadt, Heilbronn or D/B rail bridge at Rastatt. "Baggage" turned Sq. over to Brutus Red who assigned train just S of Karlsruke but Sq. was unable to locate it due to haze, so attacked 1 loco and 20 boxcars facing S in town of Durmerheim (R-5837) 31 x 500 dropped with 6 near misses that damaged loco and destroyed 2 boxcars. 10 bombs destroyed 12 buildings in town 3 bombs made one rail cut. 3 x 500 jet safe at Q-4010. Flak Nil. Weather 9/10 from 3-6,000', vis. poor - Haze. T.O.T. 1650, T.D. 1746.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), (d) NIL, (c) 1-Smoke & Gas fumes in cockpit.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 19:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,384 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 10x500 GP 1/10, .025, 24x500 RDX 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 9x500 " " " 22x500 " " " " "
(iii) 1x500 " " " 2x500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1.
4. (A) 2.
9. (A) 12.
11. (A) 1.

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K Long
RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 34 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 9 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 561

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1213 Time Down 24-1508 Total Hours 81:55
2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 54TH FTR. WG. 12-14 P47's.
3. Weather: SEE PARA 6 e.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	AIR STARES

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
24 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RAIL BRIDGE M/R (R-351287), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Target not reached due to inclement weather. No credit for mission. - - - All bombs returned to base. - - - WEATHER: Enroute; 7-8/10 cumulus base 2,500' tops at gradually rising from 6,000 to 12,000' west of Erstein. Layer of altoc base 13,000' tops 15,000' in the mountains west of Erstein. Visibility unlimited above the clouds.

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Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 9 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 561

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1213 Time Down 24-1508 Total Hours 81:55
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 54TH FTR. WG. 12-14 P47's.
3. Weather: SEE PARA 6 e.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	AIR SPARES	24 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5. Target: (1) RASTATT RAIL BRIDGE M/R (R-351287), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point / Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release	NO BOMBS DROPPED
(1)					NO BOMBS DROPPED
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: Target not reached due to inclement weather. No credit for mission. - - - All bombs returned to base. - - - WEATHER: Enrcute; 7-8/10 cumulus base 2,500' tops at gradually rising from 6,000 to 12,000' west of Erstein. Layer of altoc base 13,000' tops 15,000' in the mountains west of Erstein. Visibility unlimited above the clouds.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	8(SPARES) 96(WEATHER)

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	36,300	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 37 - 95

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 8 9 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 562

1. No. Off 26 - B26 Time Up 1225 Time Down 16-1530 Total Hours 69:40

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WG. 12-14 P47's.

3. Weather: SEE PARA 6 e

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
6 - B26	Couldn't join-up due to weather.
1 - B26	ENG(L. engine high oil temp. & low oil pressure).
1 - B26	ENG(L engine cutting out).
1 - B26	ENG(cylinder head temp. gauge out on both engines).
1 - B26	ENG(R. generator went out on take-off).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
16 - B26	INCLEMENT WEATHER.

5. Target: (1) FREUDENSTADT RAIL VIADUCT M/R (W-527863), GERMANY. (2) - - -

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000# GP	.1 X .01	104	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	16(ENG). 24(COULDN'T JOIN UP). 64(WEATHER).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	35,275	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 9 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 480

1. No. Off 19 B-26's Time Up 10:30 Time Down 13:56 Total Hours 61:55

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 10/10ths cloud cover.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
19 B-26's	Weather	None	

5. Target: (1) STEIG, GERMANY (2) (3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad bridge (W) W-251244	Bleivach W-2047	No attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. No Run made.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

The formation turned back at Erstein, (W) V-9480 at 12:55 hours due to 10/10ths cloud cover on East side of Rhine River. The last resort target was not bombed because IP was cloud covered, and orders were not to bomb on ETA unless IP was identified.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.01	152	None				None	152

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	60,700	505 (test)

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a/c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A/C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th
Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 9 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. 481

1. No. Off 32 B-26's Time Up 10:42 Time Down 14:12 Total Hours 86:25
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P47's
3. Weather: 8/10ths to overcast all the way one break in target area.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Generator out.	None	

5. Target: (1) HORNBURG, GERMANY. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Railroad bridge. (R) W-368573	Herbolzlien W-1050	13:46	31 B-26's	14,000
(2)					13,000
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - bombed in compressed formation. regained route formation in break. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each flight. Axis of Attack - 218°. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 20 seconds

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 65

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Bombs of the first squadron landed South of the target bombs of the second squadron landed short to the East. Bombs of the third squadron started short and walked over the bridge scoring at least one probable hit.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
1000#GP	.1&.01	128	123				one	4

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
1000#GP	1	ung Up	Target Area

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	91,575	50 (Test)

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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TO : HQ., Ninth Air Force, (Attn: 26th SOU)
HQ., XII TAC, (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No 116 for 24 hrs ending sunset, 9 February 1945. S[redacted]

Operations No 3718 TR/1/9/1

A. 2 F 60's from 07:50 to 09:50. To recce Saarbrucken, Worms, Mannheim, Karlsruhe, Strasbourg. OBSNS: NMS Saarbrucken to Sobernheim because of weather. Bingen bridge M-1653 intact. 2 trains mvg E along river just E of Bingen and 1 mvg W, 1 train mvg E Geisenheim to Rudesheim. Train mvg S from Oberingelheim, and 1 mvg S from Bingen near Lonsheim, moderate no of cars on each. No activity in area Kreuznach. RR M-1940 to SE to Alsey: 1 tr in at M-2534 about 25 boxcars and loco. 2 bridges at Worms appear intact. NMS on road Worms to Mannheim. 1 train mvg E into Worms. 6 large barges in center of Rhine River at M-4820 with scattered groups of pontoons Barges were stationary. Cage in river at M-4521 appeared to be housing 50 to 70 pontoons in cluster. In Mannheim M/Y 15 loco and other cars, concentrated RR activity. Reported to F/B's. 1 loco entering Mannheim from Heidelberg. Partial recce of road Mannheim to Karlsruhe, NMS because of weather. (Partial recce of road). 2 loco steam up Karlsruhe M/Y, M/Y appeared to be heavily bombed, very slight activity. No recce of area Ettingen to Strassburg because of weather. 1 train, 4 flat cars (apparently empty), 5 open top boxcars, 3 closed boxcars, at R-3139 headed N. Called to Baggage but no attack. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, inaccurate at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 08:15 to 09:25. WEATHER: Saarbrucken to Bingen 9/10 at 5000'. Rhine Valley, Worms, Strassbourg: 8/10 4 to 6000' with frequent breaks over Rhine River.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken, Works, Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Strasbourg. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (iii) 2.
C, Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 Cal (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil H. Nil.

Operations No 3719 TR/19/9/10

A. 2 F 60 from 08:00 to 1005. To recce Lauterburg, Drusenheim, Haguenau, Bitche Wissembourg, OBSNS: 1 train, 15 boxcars with 4 of them flatcars (empty flatcars) mvg N into Lauterburg. 1 MT mvg E into Lauterburg. 1 Mt mvg SE out of Wissembourg to R-2334. 3 HDV & 1 MT mvg N at R-205505. NMS Lauterburg, Drusenheim, Haguenau. Area Haguenau, Bitche, Wissembourg overcast at 3000' and unobserved. R-190525, 3 HDV mvg E. E/A: Nil. E/F: Intense, inaccurate, light at Lauterburg. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 08:25 to 09:45. WEATHER: 7/10 4 to 6000' Rhine Valley. 7/10 8 to 9000' Rhine Valley.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Lauterburg, Drusenheim, Haguenau, Bitche, Wissbourg. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): NIL.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3720 TR/27/9/14

A. 2 F 60's from 08:00 to 10:00. To recon Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Speyer, Wissemburg. OBSNS: 2 trains, 30 boxcars ea., stat facing N M/Y Worth R-3849. 1 loco S/U facing E M/Y R-3949. Bridge Karlsruhe intact. 1 train 40 boxcars stationary facing S r-4165. 5 large barges in one string on E bank Rhine at R-4657. Bridge at Germersheim intact. 1 train, 25-30 boxcars mvg W at R-4970. Bridge at Speyer intact. (Trains were called to Controller.) E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, inaccurate Germersheim, and Schlitterstadt. PHOTOS: Nil. TOA: 08:20 to 09:40. WEATHER: 4/10 7000' Rhine Valley, Karlsruhe, Speyer. 10/10 2 to 8000' Neustadt, Kaiserlautern, Wissembourg.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Karlsruhe, Speyer, Wissemburg. (iii) to (vii): Nil.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (ii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3721 TR/7/9/4 (next page)

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Operations No 3721 TR/7/9/4

A. 2 F 60's from 09:00 to 11:15. To recce Saargemund, Wissembourg. OBSNS: NMS Saargemund, Kaiserlautern, Neustadt due to weather. 1 loco S/U facing S M/Y Landau. 1 MT mvg N into Landay. 1 train 15 plus boxcars stat facing N at M-2826. 1 train 15 boxcars mvg E at R-2387. Observed 25 boxcars 25 flacars 20 of flatcars appeared loaded (not MTs) at M-2118. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 09:15 to 10:55. WEATHER: 10/10 2 to 7000' Saarbrucken, Kaiserlautern, Wissenbourg area. 4/10 4 to 6000' Landay, M-2528 over the Rhine.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund, Wissembourg. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3722 TR/15/9/6

A. 2 F 60's from 09:00 to 11:15. To recce Strassburg, Neunburg, OBSNS: Bridge at Neuenburg unserviceable. Bridge spans are lying in the water all the way.across. 2 ferry sites on E bank and 1 ferry site on W bank of Rhine River at V-860135. 20 to 30 small barges on E bank of Rhine River tied to banks of river just N of ferry sites. 3 MTs stat at V-859135 at ferry site. 2 white MTs mvg S at V-907134. Supplies at V-897127 W of the railroad tracks. Supplies at V-897127 W of the railroad tracks. About 20 gun positions in flat fields in area V-885140. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. WEATHER: 9/10 to 10/10 4 to 9000' Rhine Valley Strassburg to Switzerland. TOA: 0915 to 11:00.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Neunburg. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION Operations No. 3723 TR/15/9/6 ABORTIVE

A. 2 F 60's from 09:00 to 11:15. To recce Karlsruhe, Works, Germersheim, OBSNS: None because of weather. E/A: Mission abortive due to weather.
B. (iii) Mission abortive due to weather.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil H. Nil.

NO MISSION Operations No 3724 TR/2/9/2 ABORTIVE

A. 2 F 60's from 11:00 to 12:00.
B. (iii) Mission abortive due to weather.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

NO MISSION Operations No 3725 TR/9/9/5 ABORTIVE

A. 2 F 60(s from 11:15 to 12:00.
B. (iii) Mission abortive due to weather.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 30 min E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3726 TR/18/9/9

A. 2 F 60's from 13:50 to 16:05. To recce Offenburg, Karlsruhe, Germersheim, Landau OBSNS: NMS area Offenburg to Freiburg due to weather. 4 loco S/U 150 boxcars M/Y Germersheim. (Called to Controller). 8 pontoonsin a row 3/4 across Rhine from E bank at R-4554. 7 barges on E side of Rhine at R-4553. 3 loco S/U 100 plus boxcars M/Y Landau. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: ~~NIL~~ YES R/C: Poor. TOA: 14:30 to 15:45. WEATHER: 10/10 3 to 9500 Offenburg, Freiburg, Rhine Valley. 8/10 4 to 7500 Karlsruhe, Germersheim, Landay.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Offenburg, Karlsruhe, Germersheem, Landay. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. G. Nil.
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Operations No 3727 TR/22/9/15

A. 2 F 60's from 14:15 to 16:15. To recce Landay, Germershiem, Strassburg. OBSNS: 4 barges approx 50' long on Rhine River at R-4663. 2 large barges in jetties W of Karlsruhe. 4 small barges on Rhine River at R-2933. 6 barges off Rhine at R-2827. Hardt Mts overcast area Haguenau, Bitche, Pirmasens, Wissembourg unobserved. E/A: 1 FW 190 flying E at 3000' at 1545 hrs about 3 mi S. of Landay. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 14:45 to 15:45. WEATHER: 10/10 1 to 4000' Rhine Valley to W with a few breaks.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Landay, Germershiem, Strassburt. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3728 TR/28/9/15

A. 2 F 60's from 14:15 to 15:35. To recce Saargemund, Saarbrucken, Homburg. OBSNS: 3 MTs mvg N at Q-4376. 2 MTs mvg N at Q-4279. NMS Saarbrucken, Saargemund, Homburg. Unable to getthrough ~~the~~ or over the weather front. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 14:55 to 15:20. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2 to 12000' with few breaks in area Saarbrucken, Homburg, Kaiserlautern, Pirmasens.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund, Saarbrucken, Homburg. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. G. Nil.

Operations No 3729 TR/3/9/3

A. 2 F 60's from 15:30 to 17:30. To recce Karlsruhe, Worms, Germershiem, OBSNS: 1 train 8 to 10 boxcars mvg S into Heidelberg. 2 loco S/U (direction unobserved) Worms M/Y. 20 objects on Worms airfield M-4712. Appeared to be A/C. (Called to Controller). 6 loco S/U (dir unobs) Ludwigshafen M/Y. 1 train 40 plus cars most of which appeared to oil cars stat facing W R-4372. 2 trains, 15 to 20 cars ea., half were boxcars, half were flat cars on es train loaded with MTs mvg across Rhine River from Karlsruhe. Controller called end fighter bombers came to attack target but weather closed in and went to attack train leaving Karlsruhe to south. No of cars unobserved. 4 to 5 loco S/U stat Karlsruhe M/Y (dir u/o) NMS on Germersheim A/D. E/A: Nil. E/F: Scant, accurate, heavy at Worms. Scant, inaccurate light at Germershiem. PHOTOS: Yes successful. V Worms A/D M-4712. R/C: Good. TOA: 15:45 to 17:15. WEATHER: 7 to 8/10 5 to 7000' Rhine Valley; Hazy.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe, Worms, Germershiem. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (iii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

9 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A No. 147 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 9 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 392 TR/9/9/19

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 0800-1000. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: Bridge at Pfortz ser, bomb damage has been repaired, smoke screens at both ends of bridge. M/Y at Heidelburg 1/2 full, 3 trains, S/U, Stat. 2 switch engines working in yard at Heidelburg. 1 train moving E into Heidelburg at 0900 hrs. Train moving NW into Mannheim at 0900 hrs. Train, 10 plus box cars moving N into Hockenheim (R-5980) at 0910 hrs. M/Y SE Karlsruhe 1/3 full, 1 loco, Stat, S/U. Heavy rail activity in Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Landau area. 2 switch engines working at R-4747. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-H-L at R-5772. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0940. WEATHER: 9-10/10 base to Rhine 5000' tops--base 1000, 10/10 E of Rhine deck to 6000'.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #4. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 393 TR/12/9/22

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 0750-0950. To recce in Route #5. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at W Frieber g 2 locos, S/U, heading S. 1 train 12 boxcars headed S at W-1587--called to controller. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0930. WEATHER: 9-10/10 base 4000' - tops 6000-12000' over entire route.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Route #5. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 394 TR/23/9/25

A. 2 F6C's from 0755-1015. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: No observations area "C" due to weather. Headed generally toward Rhine with following observations: 1 train, 20 box cars, Stat, S/U, facing E at R-3786--called to controller. 1 train 35 cars of which 2 were flat cars, loaded with M/T, facing W, Stat, S/U at R-3786--called to controller. F/B's hit train heading E. 1 direct hit on 1 box car; Tracks also cut; building near tracks set on fire by strafing; 2-3 near-misses on tracks. Neustadt M/Y 1/3 full, 1 train 50 cars in M/Y S/U, facing West, 1 train, 8 passenger cars, S/U, Stat, facing S. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0815-0945. WEATHER: Neustadt area 2/10 at 2000 ft. W side of Rhine Valley 2/10 at 2000 ft.
B. 2 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4.40 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 580 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 395 TR/4/9/16

A. 2 F6D from 1010-1140. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: No observations Saarbrucken to Mainz due to weather. Mainz bridges appear serv. 20 plus barges, each 60 feet long, Stat, at M-4449. 50 box cars at M-4439. 50 box cars at M-4430. 50 box cars at M-4248. 100 box cars at M-4223. RR bridge at Worms appears serv. 4 barges, 60 feet long, Stat, W bank river at M-4714. 3 sections of pontoons in

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middle of river at M-5005. RR bridge at Mannheim appears serv. M/Y Ludwigshafen, 1/3 full. M/Y Ludwigshafen appears 1/10 serv. 2 sections of 50 box cars each at R-4995. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-H at Ludwigshafen; S-A-H at Mainz. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1130. WEATHER: 10/10 entire area from 1500 to 5500, small section open between Mainz and Ludwigshafen.
B. 2 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.00 hrs.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 396 TR/29/9/29

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1505-1705. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg 3/4 full, 2 trains, 30 box cars each, Stat, S/U facing E, 2 trains 10 box cars each, Stat, S/U facing W, and 2 locos working in yard---called to controller. Train, 20 box cars moving W into Homburg at 1525 hrs.---called to controller. 1 train 20 boxcars, moving E out of Lardestuhl at 1525 hrs--called to controller. M/Y W edge of Kaiserslautern 3/4 full of box, flat and passenger cars, also 6 locos working in yard. M/Y S edge of Kaiserslautern, 2/3 full, 2 trains, 10-15 cars each, Stat, S/U, facing W--called into Pelican controller. Loco and 1 car moving S at M-1102. 2 trains 30 and 20 cars, box, moving W out of Neustadt--called to Pelican controller. 7 military barracks at R-3151 undamaged, appears to be in use. Large fires resembling oil fires at W-0699. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L at R-1533. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1520-1640. WEATHER: 5-10/10 from 3000' to 9000'.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacing Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 397 TR/26/9/28

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6B from 1430-1615. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Homburg M/Y--3/4 full, 7 locos in M/Y S/U, Stat, facing S, and 3 trains, 20 box cars each, Stat, S/U, facing S in yard--called to controller. Zweibrucken M/Y 1/2 full box cars, NMS. M/Y W side Saarbrucken 1/2 full--1 loco S/U. M/Y E side Saarbrucken 1/4 full, NMS. (50 of cars in yard resembled coal cars.) 1 train 40 box cars, moving NW at Q-3474. 7 barges, Stat, each 60 ft. long, on N bank of river in Saarbrucken. 3 of 4 road bridges in Saarbrucken appear serv. Most easterly road bridge appears unserv. 1 train, 40 box cars moving N at Q-3089. 1 train, 30 box cars, moving S at Q-9786. Kaiserslautern M/Y 3/4 full, 1 loco, S/U. Pilot could not contact controller because of transmitter difficulty. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Transmitter out. TIME OVER AREA: 1500-1600. WEATHER: Saarbrucken 10/10 base 2000--tops 8000, Kaiserslautern 7/10 at base 2500--tops 4000.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 3.30 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 398 TR/11/9/21

A. 2 F6C's from 1515-1720. To recce in Route #4. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Pforzheim 1/4 full, 1 loco S/U. M/Y Bietigum 1/2 full with approximately 10 locos S/U working in yard. 1 train, 20 box cars headed W at S-0053--called to controller. 1 train, 20 box cars headed N at R-6882--called to controller. 1 train, 30 box cars heading N at M-6682. 2 M/T one heading N and one heading S at M-5981. Woods SE of Pfungstadt (M-6234) contain camouflaged RR tracks and warehouse--1 loco S/U. 3 barges, approximately 75 feet long, Stat, on river from M-4931 to M-4738, tied to W bank of river. Approximately 10 barges 75 feet long, tied to W bank of river from M-4725 to M-5228. 7 sections, 3 pontoons each, anchored approximately 50' off E shore of river at M-4718. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at Darmstadt; S-A-H at Mannheim. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1635. WEATHER: 8-10/10 base from 3000-7000--tops 10000-14000 over entire area.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Route #4. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 399 TR/6/9/18

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1510-1710. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: Zweibrucken M/Y 1/2 full--2 locos S/U. Homburg M/Y 1/2 full, NMS. 15 box cars at L-8917. Mainz M/Y 3/4 full, 7 locos S/U in M/Y--called to controller. 1 train 2 passenger cars moving N at M-4328. 6 trains, 20 box cars each, Stat, S/U--called to controller--at Worms. Mannheim M/Y 3/4 full appears 1/2 serv. with 2 engines S/U--called to controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at Worms. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530-1650. WEATHER: N of Worms 1/10 at 2000'. S of Worms 5/10 base 3000'--tops 5000'.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 400 TR/14/9/24

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6B from 1530-1655. To recce in Route #5. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y 1/2 full at Lahr, NMS. Hwy bridge over RR at W-0464 serv. M/Y at Zell 1/3 full, NMS. NMS on hwys in area bounded by Freiburg, Emmenlingen, Breisach and V-9050. 2 buildings in military camp in Kehl burning. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1640. WEATHER: 9/10 3000 base--tops 10,000.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Route #5. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3553 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1035A to 1145A. To photo Target: Rhine River - from Rastatt to Worms. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Area covered by 10/10 ths. by stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (Alan H. McClard, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Rhine River - Rastatt to Worms - (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Area covered by 10/10ths stratus. - no photographs taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - - 34/3356 - (32)

A. 2 F-5E's, from 1035A to 1135A. To photo Target: Cover RR/Line between Sasbach and Kondringen, RR/Gun at W-006392, RR/Line - W-714466 to W-755414, Neuhausen A/D, RR/Stations and Yards at Uberlingen, RR/Stations and Yards at Radofzell. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER PHOTOS: Nil AREA: Nil WEATHER: 10/10ths clouds. Mission unsuccessful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt;) - Cover Pilot (Joe N.I Merkle, 2nd. Lt.) - Mission successful.

B. (i) 2 F-5E's, (ii) Two (2) attacking target: Cover RR/Line between Sasbach and Kondringen , RR/Gun at W-006392, RR/Line - W-714466 to W-755414, Neuhausen A/D, RR/Stations and Yards at Uberlingen, RR/Stations and Yards at Radofzell. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) 10/10ths clouds - no photographs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 1 hr.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - - 34/3357 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1020A to 1130A. To photo target: Station Sidings M/Y Lautingen, Laufen Area - W-868590, M/YD's RR/Stations and Sidings at W-983694, Area Cover - X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: N_i^1 Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: WEATHER: All targets covered 10/10ths by stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (Garland A. York, Capt.,)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Station Sidings M/Y Lautingen, Laufen Area - W-868590, M/YD's RR/Stations and Sidings at W-983694, Area Cover: X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) All targets covered by 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 10 minutes.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - - 34/3358 - (34)

A. 1 F-5B, 1 F-5E, from 1025A to 1225A. To photo target: Kaiserlautern M/Y, - Q-960928, Kaiserlautern M/Y - R-021928, Five (5) mile radius of M-2019 for the location of GHQ Dumps, BDA of Dumps R-220435, BDA of Dump at R-278563, OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1110A. WEATHER: All targets covered with 10/10ths - stratus and cumulus,. Mission unsuccessful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.) Cover Pilot: (L awton C. McGlothlin, 2nd. Lt.)- Mission successful.

B. (i) F-5B, F-5E, (ii) Two (2) attacking target: Kaiserlautern M/Y - Q-960928, Kaiserlautern M/Y - R-021928, Five (5) Mile radius of M-2019 for the location of GHQ Dumps, BDA of Dumps R-220435, BDA of Dump at R-278563. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) All targets covered by 10/10ths stratus and cumulus - no photos taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil
(viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U:S: - - 34/ 3359 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1040A to 1125A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-3784 to Q-5553 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Target Area covered with 10/10ths stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (John L. Sanders, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3784 to Q-5553 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Target Area covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken. (iv) nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3360 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1020A to 1120A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-3784 to Q-5578 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Area 10/10 ths covered by stratus - with contrails at 18,000 ft.,. Mission unsuccessful. (James E. McCommon, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3784 to Q-5578 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Area 10/10ths covered by stratus - contrails at 18,000 ft., (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

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F. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - - 34/3361 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1025A to 1200A. To photo target: Block Coverage: L-8405 to M-1405 to R-1491 to Q-8491 to L-8405. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1055A. WEATHER: Overcast - 10/10ths at 6,000 ft., in area. Mission unsuccessful. (Lawrence E. Schmidt., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: L-8405 to M-1405 to R-1491 to Q-8491 to L-8405. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Overcast 10/10ths at 16,000 ft., in area - no photographs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 35 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3363 - (39)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1030A to 1150A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. Block Coverage: R-2148 to R-3741 to R-2929 to R-1436 OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1105A. WEATHER: Area covered 10/10ths by stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (Robert G. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364, Block Coverage: R-2148 to R-3741 to R-2929 to R-1436. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Target Area covered by 10/10ths stratus. - no photo-graphs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 20 minutes.
E. Nil
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50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 394, U S ARMY
13 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 277.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 277 for 24 hours ending sunset 12 February 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY [illegible]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
12 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 12 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army (ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

EC/5

13 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated Mar 29 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 12 February 1945.

2. Oprep No. 211.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. [illegible],
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 12 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____
2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____
3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____
(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th
Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 12 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)
4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Robin Jr.
Signature

W. L. ROBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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OPREP 'A'

To: H. Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 119 for 24 hours ending sunset, 12 February, '45.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

For the Commending Officer:

VICTOR J. GEAHLER,
Captain, A.C.,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

12 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 150 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 12 February 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 318 for 24 hours ending sunset
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USAAF
FORM 34A.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical AIR Command, APO 374.

FROM: 418th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 2/12/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 546 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 12 February 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S Army
12 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 276.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 276 for 24 hours ending sunset 11 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1 2, and 3, XII Fighter Command.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0833 hours, 11 February 1945, Lt. Mesropian leading. 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500 Lb Bombs on a M/Y at Forcheim, O-4030 with unobserved results. 2 x 500 Lb bombs were egg-basketed 4 miles NW of Karlsruhe. Squadron strafed boathouses and boats on a canal at W-005765 and Ottenheim, W-015762 with unobserved results. 2 x 500 Lb bombs were jettisoned safely at W-5823. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96 1047 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0849 hours, 11 February 1945, Captain Goode leading. 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 Lb bombs on a locomotive and 40 RR cars, some of these where flat cars carrying trucks, moving North into Newstadt at R-2980, 4 direct hits destroyed 20 flat cars, 5 box cars, 15 trucks, scored 2 railcuts and started 2 big fires. 2 x 500 Lb bombs were egg-basketed on a M/Y at Kaiserlautern. One staff car headed West at R-2207 was strafed and destroyed. One truck headed South into Newstadt at R-3285 was strafed and destroyed. Intense, inaccurate, light and heavy flak encountered at R-2980, R-3296. Time down at A-96, 1102 hours.

A. One Squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0907 hours, 11 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 22 x 500 Lb bombs were dropped on a M/Y at R-411869, M/Y was damaged 3 buildings destroyed, 1 oil tank destroyed. 4 box cars were destroyed by rockets at R-536666. 1 locomptive and 3 gondola cars destroyed by rockets at R-572736. 1 locomotive and 30 box cars strafed and damaged at R-478778. 1 locomotive and 15 box cars strafed and damaged at R-578776. 1 locomotive and 10 box cars strafed and damaged at R-582612. 1 locomotive strafed and damaged at R-488778. 3 box cars were destroyed by rockets at R-488778. 1 railcut scored by rockets at R-628878. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-480788, R-536666. Time down at A-96, 1111 hours.

B. 1. 43 x P-47D's
2. 43
3. thru 7. None
8. 43 sorties

C. 1. 17 x 75 gal tanks carried
2. 10 jettisoned

D. 1. 91 hours
2. None

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D. 1. 81,700 rds x .50 cal.
2. 17,120 rds expended

F. 1. 62 x 500 Lb G.P. - Normal fusing
2. 60
3. 2
(36 rockets x 4.5 carried and expended)

G. H. None

I. Other Claims on Ground

25 RR cars, 15 vehicles destroyed at R-2980
1 railcut at R-2980
1 staff car dest at M-2207
1 truck dest at R-3285
3 buildings, 1 oil tank dest at R-411869
4 box cars dest at R-536666
1 loco, 3 RR cars dest at R-572736
1 loco, 30 RR cars dam at R-678778
1 loco damaged at R-582612
10 RR cars, 1 loco dam at R-588778
3 RR cars dest at R-628878
1 railcut at R-628878.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
11 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 11 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XIX Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2658

16 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0800 down at 1000, target, rolling stock at R-417927. T.O.T. 0900, bomb run to 800', 3 hits along side loco, damaging it, 9 hits on either side of train. 23 hits in area but results unobserved. 19 rockets fired into station area, 2 MT damaged. 4 A/C bombed train at R-425932. T.O.T. & bomb run same. 3 hits on boxcars behind loco, loco damaged, 5 boxcars destroyed, 1 rail cut, 8 misses, strafed both trains. Scant accurate HAA at target & at Speyer, scant accurate LAA at target. 2 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Weather 8/10ths, 3000' to 7000', Saarbourg north, solid E. of Rhine. Bombs exp: 32 x 500 lb GP, 14 x 100 lb Phos., 19 Rockets.

Mission 2659

15 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0815 down at 1045, target M/Y at Schiffenstadt at R-4687. T.O.T. 0910, bomb run to 2000'. 36 hits in M/Y destroying 10 & damaging 8, fire & explosion among cars. 6 hits in town, destroying 4 buildings & damaging 6. Strafed train at R-6777, damaged loco & destroyed 3 cars. Strafed trains around Heilbroun, no pinpoint due to weather. 4 A/C strafed loco & 8 passenger cars, damaged loco & 2 passenger cars. Strafed train in Heilbroun M/Y, damaged loco & 8 passenger cars. Strafed train leaving yds, damaged loco & 7 cars, 1 passenger car destroyed. 4 A/C strafed roundhouse & LAA positions, 3 fires in roundhouse area. 4 A/C strafed radio station at this point, one MT destroyed. 11 A/C strafed 3 locos in M/Y, 3 locos damaged. 4 A/C strafed 2 locos & 10 flatcars NW of Heilbroun, damaged 2 locos. Scant HAA at Mannheim. Moderate LAA at Heilbroun. Weather 10/10ths top 8000' Bitche area 3/10ths to 5/10ths 2500' to 12,000' in target area. Bombs exp: 30 x 500 lb GP, 12 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2660

12 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0825 down at 1035, target, Barracks at R-085218. T.O.T. 0930, bomb run to 500'. 27 hits in target area. Results, 6 barracks destroyed & 3 damaged. 3 hits SE of target. Flight strafed woods E. of target. Recced Route #4. Scant small arms fire & LAA at target. Weather: Base to target 4/10ths to 6/10ths 4000' to 8000'. Recce route 4/10ths to 8/10ths 4000' to 8000'. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 11 FEBRUARY 1945.

Note 4 B	(i)	43	
	(ii)	43	
	(vii)	2	Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	43	
C	(i)	2	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	95:30	
Note 6 E	(i)	86,000	
	(ii)	27,610	
Note 7 F	(i)	86 x 500 lb GP 33 x 100 lb Phos 19 Rockets	
	(ii)	86 x 500 lb GP 32 x 100 lb Phos 19 Rockets (Returned 1 x 100 lb Phos, to base)	

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	1	2
Locos	0	11
RR Cars	16	28
Buildings	10	9
RR Cuts complete	1	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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12 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 210 for the period ending Sunset 11 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15,16 and 17. Armed Recce Missions.

A. A.O.15 10 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 0725 hours to bomb supply dump at R-7280 and conduct A/R. Squadron carried 28 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarbrucken to M-2010 to Mannheim to Speyer to base. In target area: 0815-0845. 4 bombs dropped on 1 loco and 4 cars at M-2305 headed SW (apparently a repair train) - 1 loco damaged, 1 car destroyed, 1 rail cut. 7 bombs dropped on 1 loco and 20 box cars at R-4476, moving SW - 2 direct hits, 1 loco destroyed, 2 box cars destroyed, and 9 box cars damaged. 1 bomb on loco and 40 empty flt cars at R-3269 - 1 loco damaged, 2 flat cars damaged, 1 rail cut. 6 bombs dropped on 1 loco and 20 box cars at R-3871, moving SW - 2 direct hits, destroying 3 cars and damaging 1 loco and 12 cars, 9 bombs on 1 loco and 15 box cars at Speyer, moving W - 2 direct hits on cars, destroying 3 cars and damaging loco, 4 cars, and 1 light flak gun; two bombs scored direct hits on 2 buildings just off tracks - buildings destroyed. 1 bomb, which hung up, was jettisoned armed at R-4476, moving south-1 loco and 6 cars damaged; 1 loco and 20 flat cars and 10 box cars at R-4272, moving SW - 1 loco and 3 flat cars damaged; and 1 loco and 6 coaches at R-4884, still, facing SE all damaged. Observations along route: at R-4884, 1 loco and 30 box cars moving south; between Mannheim and Heidelburg, 2 locos and 15 cars, direction unknown; at R-4688, 15 cars and 2 locos, direction unknown; at R-4688, another squadron making attack. No E/A encountered. Flak: moderate light at Speyer and R-3871; moderate heavy at Neustadt and R-3096. No losses. Weather: north of Saarbrucken, 10/10 3000 - 7000 feet; north of Karlsruhe, 4/10ths, 3000-4000 feet; visibility good, Down at base, 0920 hours.

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A.O.16 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 0735 hours to conduct A/A. 10 a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs and 2 a/c carried 2 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Pirmasens to Bad Kreuznach to Worms to Saarbrucken to base. Time over target: 0800-0900. 23 bombs were dropped on M/Y at Grunstadt (M-3107) which contained some 60 cars and 3 locos which were stationary, had steam up, and were headed E. Yard was also strafed. 6 hits in M/Y, 3 hits in town, 6 misses, and 8 NRO damaged 2 locos, destroyed 1 loco, destroyed 10 box cars, damaged 50 box cars, and damaged the M/Y. 11 bombs dropped on train heading N consisting of 1 loco and 50 box and flat cars at M-4518. Train was also strafed. 5 bombs hit the cars, 2 bombs hit a warehouse and NRO on the rest. As a result of the attack 1 loco was damaged, 8 cars destroyed, 40 cars damaged, 3 M/T on the cars destroyed and 3 M/T damaged, and warehouse destroyed by secondary explosion caused by our bombs. 1 truck heading NW at M-3518 was strafed and damaged. 1 light flak position at M-4418 was strafed and damaged. 1 factory and adjoining yards containing a large stock pile of boxes at M-3107 was strafed and damaged. The M/Y at Worms was about 1/4 full. There was and unusual amount of chatter on Baker Channel. Flak: moderate heavy at Worms and intense light at M-4518. Losses: 2 a/c: Cat 1 (flak). No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 base 3,000 ft, tops 7-8,000 ft, and visibility unlimited above the clouds and 10 miles below. Down 0930.

A.O.17 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0748 hours to perform armed recce of Wissembourg, Neustadt, Worms, Weinheim, Karlsruhe, Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Landau to Worms to base. However, the recce was not completed due to weather. T.O.T: 0835-0845 hours. 33 x 500# GP bombs on 3 locos and 30 cars in small M/Y in area 5-10 miles west of Worms (Exact location undetermined). Of these bombs, 6 hits in the yard caused damage and destroyed a coal loader; 3 misses damaged a factory and destroyed a building; Also in this area, the following were strafed: 2 locos and 10 box cars, claim damaged; 2 light flak positions, claim damaged; 5 MTs, calim destroyed; 6 barracks, claim damaged. Another Sqdn not of this Group, was observed to bomb same M/Y and score and excellent concentration ofhits in the yard. No losses. No E/A encountered. Flak: Nil. 1 of our A/C aborted (personnel and weather) returned to base with its bombs (3 x 500# GPs). Weather: 8/10ths, base, 2000, tops 5000, visibility 15 miles. Time down: 0948 hours.

B. (i) 34 P-47s dispatched.

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(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco and 4 cars at M-2305.
Loco and 20 box cars at R-4476.
Loco and 40 flat cars at R-3269.
Loco and 15 box cars at Speyer.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Grunstadt (M-3107)
Train heading N consisting of 1 loco and 50 box cars, M-4518.
11 A/C dropped bombs on 3 locos and 30 cars in small M/Y in 5-10 mi W of Worms.
33 A/C completed missions.

(iii) 1 A/C abortive: due to;-
a) 1 a/c personnel.

(iv) Nil

(v) Nil

(vi) Nil

(vii) 2 A/C damaged, by flak, cat., 1.

(viii) 33

C. (i) Nil

(ii) Nil

D. (i) 72:25

(ii) Nil

E. (i) 81,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

(ii) 22,380 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)

(iii) Nil

F. (i) 98 - 500# GP bombs, fused - nose, M103; tail M113 and M101A2.

(ii) 94 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
4 on 1 loco and 4 cars at M-2305.
7 on 1 loco and 20 box cars at R-4476.
1 on loco and 40 cars at R-3269.
6 on loco and 20 box cars at R-3871.
9 bombs on loco and 15 box cars at Speyer.
23 on M/Y at Grunstadt (M-3107)
11 on train heading N, loco and 50 box cars at M-4518.
33 on 3 locos and 30 cars in M/Y 5 mi West of Worms.

(iii) 1 - 500# GP jettisoned, armed, at R-4476. (which hung up over target).

(iv) Nil
3 - 500# GP bombs returned to base, (on abortive aircraft).

G. (i) Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 8
c) Damaged, 4

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3. Locomotives,
   a) Destroyed, 2
   c) Damaged, 12

4. Railroad cars,
   a) Destroyed, 27
   c) Damaged, 141

6. Gun emplacements,
   c) Damaged, 4

9. Factories and buildings,
   a) Destroyed, 4
   c) Damaged, 7

11. Railroads cut, 2

17. Other claims;
    Coal loader, destroyed, 1
    Railroad station, damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH C. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

12 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Operep A No. 198 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq. led by Capt. Bales, took off at 0755 on an A/R in area 10. 5 x 500 dropped on 1 loco and 15 - 20 box cars going NE at Q-4877 with NRO, however loco damaged by strafing. At M-4906. Sq. bombed (9 x 500) and strafed barge and tug headed N upstream with 3 near misses. 1 barge destroyed, 1 tug damaged. 24 x 500 dropped on 1 loco and 30 box-cars headed S at M-5315, with 4 near misses - NRO. 1 x 500 jet. 4 mil. E of base. Flak was moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Saarbruken. Weather 10/10 at 4-6,000', improving, 8/10 in recce area 2, unlimited vis. air - air, obscured on ground. T.O.T. 0845, T.D. 0957.

B. (i) 14 P-47's
(ii) 14 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 14

C. (i) 3 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 29:15 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 35,280 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,464 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 28x500 RDX M103, M101A2, 11 x 500 GP M103, M101A2
(ii) 28x500 " " " 10 x 500 " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1
12. (A) 1
(C) 1

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

12 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 193 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq. led by Capt. Bales, took off at 0755 on an A/R in area 10. 5 x 500 dropped on 1 loco and 15 - 20 box cars going NE at Q-4877 with NRO, however loco damaged by strafing. At M-4906. Sq. bombed (9 x 500) and strafed barge and tug headed N upstream with 3 near misses. 1 barge destroyed, 1 tug damaged. 24 x 500 dropped on 1 loco and 30 box-cars headed S at M-5315, with 4 near misses - NRO. 1 x 500 jet. 4 mil. E of base. Flak was moderate, inaccurate, heavy at Saarbruken. Weather 10/10 at 4-6,000', improving, 8/10 in recce area 2, unlimited vis. air - air, obscured on ground. T.O.T. 0845, T.D. 0957.

B. (i) 14 P-47's
(ii) 14 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 14

C. (i) 3 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 29:15 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 35,280 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,464 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 28x500 RDX M103, M101A2, 11 x 500 GP M103, M101A2
(ii) 28x500 " " " 10 x 500 " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (C) 1
12. (A) 1
(C) 1

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Oprep A No. 194 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Jackson, took off at 0826 to D/B supplies, ammo and fuel dumps at Q-721801. Target was obscured by overcast so Sq. dropped 20 x 500 in M/Y at Alzey - 1 loco and 20 boxcars dest., 2 locos and 30 box cars damaged, 2 buildings dest. and 2 damaged in M/Y. 25 x 500 dropped in town of Alzey, 1 large fire seen, town virtually destroyed. Strafed and damaged 2 locos and 15 box cars at M-2729. 1 x 500 jet. 1 mile W of Alzey (M-2728). Flak - small arms fire in Alzey, (M-2728). Weather 9/10 overcast enroute to target, bottoms at 2,000' tops 9,000' vis. excellent. T.O.T. 0900, T.O. 1009.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 16 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 16

C. (i) 2 - 75 Cal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 28:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 40,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,920 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32x500 RDX instant. 14 x 500 GP 8-11 sec delay, M113 tail.
(ii) 32x500 " " 13 x 500 " " " " " "
(iii) 1 x 500 " " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (A) 1
(C) 4
4. (A) 20
(C) 45
9. (A) 2
(C) 2
11. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 195 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 0836 to D/B supply dump but due to overcast Sq. hit M/Y at Q-532857, dropping 16 x 500 on 1 loco and 25 box cars stationary, headed W. 3 direct hits on train, and 9 near misses, 4 direct hits on tracks. 1 loco and 15 boxcars destroyed with 2 rail cuts. 10 boxcars strafed and damaged NE of Q-532857. 24 x 500 dropped on 5 locos and 150 boxcars with steam up headed W at Q-587836. 2 locos and 15 boxcars destroyed and making 1 rail cut. 9 direct hits destroyed 3 buildings in yards. 2 locos and 15 boxcars damaged by strafing. Flak

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Oprep A No. 195 for 24 hours ending Sunset 11 February 1945, (Cont'd).

A. moderate, inaccurate, light at target. Weather 4/10 base at 3-4,000', scud to 10,000', target 9/10 tops 5-6,000', vis unlimited. T.C.T. 0915-0945, T.D. 1028.

B. (i) 14 P-47's
(ii) 14 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 14

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 28:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,760 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 40 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 40 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (A) 3
(C) 2
4. (A) 30
(C) 25
9. (A) 3
11. (A) 3
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For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG, 02e
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 11 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 330th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 11 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 330th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 11 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (Weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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W. L. KORBIN, JR.
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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force, (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC, (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: LLlth TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 118 for 24 hrs ending sunset 11 February 1945. [redacted]

Operations No 3730 TR/20/11/10

A. 2 F 60's from 07:40 to 10:05 to recce Saarbrucken, Merzig, Karlsruhe, Saarbrucken. OBSNS: None due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor at start of mission, good later. TOA: 08:00 to 09:30. WEATHER: 10/10 at 3 to 5000' east of Saar River to Rhine River.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken, Merzig, Karlsruhe. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3731 TR/13/11/7

A. 2 F 60's from 07:45 to 09:45 to recce Strassburg, Basel, OBSNS: 2 strings of cars 40 to 50 each at W-1694. 7 loco S/U (2 appeared to be mvg N and the others stat facing S at Offenburg. 6 MTs stat facing S at W-0768 and 1 MT mvg N at W-0768. Area W-0760 to Basel and E over Black Forest 10/10 from ground to 15000' and unobserved. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 08:00 to 09:30. WEATHER: 10/10 ground to 15000' E of Rhine River with a few breaks, appeared to be mvg E. CAVU west of Rhine.
B. (2) F 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Basel. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3732 TR/4/11/1

A. 2 F 60's from 07:45 to 09:45 to recce Speyer, Schifferstadt. OBSNS: 1 train of 10 flat cars loaded with MTs 10 other boxcars and 8 oil cars mvg S at R-5878. (Called to Controller). 1 train of 20 passenger cars stat facing W at Speyer station; observed F/B bombing train. 1 train of 15 boxcars stat facing S at Hockenheim M/Y R-5880. Observed F/B bombing train, 20 boxcars mvg S into Schifferstadt M/Y R-4587. Train was not stopped. NMS on route because of weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Heavy, scant, accurate: vic of Frankenthall M-4504. Light, intense, inaccurate: Speyer and Schiffenstadt. Heavy, moderate, inaccurate: Speyer. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Fair. TOA: 08:10 to 09:30. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2 to 7000' in area except for large breaks at R-3575, R-6675, M-6010, M-3010.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Speyer, Schifferstadt. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3733 TR/10/11/4

A. 2 F 6's from 08:30 to 10:20 to recce Haguenau, Karlsurhe, Bruchsal, Durlach, OBSNS: Bridge at Karlsruhe intact. NMS Karlsruhe to R-8139 due to weather. 4 trains, ea with 20 box cars M/Y at R-8139, 1 facing W, 1 facing E, other 2 facing unobserved. NMS R-8139 to Bruchsal, due to heavy ground fog. 40 boxcars M/Y Bruchsal. M/Y Durlach empty. 1 train no of cars un observed mvg S at S-0351. NMS Karlsruhe to Haguenau. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 09:00 to 10:00. WEATHER: 10/10 heavy ground fog with few breaks in area. 6/10 4 to 6000' Karlsruhe, Haguenau to Hardt Mts.
B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Haguenau, Karlsurhe, Bruchsal, Durlach. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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Operations No 3734 TR/5/11/2

A. 2 F 6 C's from 08:30 to 10:30 to recce Saarbrucken, Homburg, Wiesbaden, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: Zweibrucken M/Y about 20% filled with boxcars; no activity. Homburg M/Y about 20% filled with boxcars, no activity. NMS Homburg, Bingen, Mainz because of weather. 1 large boat (2 stacks) facing S smoke coming from stacks. Leader stated boat was large enough for ocean travel; approx 5 to 600' long; Observed at 09:30 at M-4636. RR bridge at M-4616 serviceable. NMS Worms, Ludwigshafen, Karlsruhe. Area Lauterburg to SW overcast and unobserved. E/A: At 09:15 unidentified A/C flying at 9000' heading S from Wiesbaden fired at our mission while they were out of range. A/C pursued our mission up Rhine River to Worms when they lost contact with our planes. E/F: Scant, inaccurate, heavy just W of Wiesbade. Scant, accurate heavy Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. TOA: 09:45 to 10:15. WEATHER: 9/10 6000' with breaks over battle area.

B. (i) 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken, Homburg, Wiesbaden, Karlsruhe. (iii) to (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal (ii) & (iii): Nil.

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

Operations No 3735 TR/14/11/8

A. 2 F 6 C's from 10:00 to 11:20 to recce Strassburg, Offenburg. OBSNS: 1 large MT with trailer mvg N and 4 small MTs scattered mvg N W-1688. NMS Offenburg M/Y. M/Y about half filled with boxcars. Remainder of area 10/10 overcast from 5 to 6000'. Leader made a 180° turn to return to base, lost weaver and had no radio contact with him, after turn, at 10:35 hrs. Kept trying to contact weaver with no success. Leader returned to base. Mission was flying at 7000' at time and was receiving no flak. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good until time of return to base. TOA: 10:15 to 11:00. WEATHER: 10/10 5 to 6000' over area covered.

B. (i) 2 F 6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassburg, Offenburg. (iii) Nil. (iv) 1 F 60. (v), (vi), (vii): Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) Nil. (iii) 1100 rds.

F. Nil. G.1 Pilot; MIA. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer,

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

11 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM : 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 149 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 11 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 401 TR/1/11/14

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 0805-1005. To recce on "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: One train w/40 boxcars mvg S at W-1998 (called to Controller). M/Y W-2099 is 1/2 full boxcars. NMS W-2099 to R-3525. No obs. Karlsruhe due to weather- 10/10 base 4000, top 6000. 6/10 at 1000-2000. 2 M/T mvg S at R-6285. Worms M/Y 4 trains 10-20 boxcars, each STAT; 2 trains had S/U. F/Bs were in area. M/Y is 1/2 full. M/Y M-2316 is 1/2 fullboxcars, no activity. 3 pontoons W bank of river at M-4912. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0930. WEATHER: Rhine valley 6/10, 5000-8000, W of Worms, 6/10 at 1000-2000, at 4000', 10/10 o/c going up to 8000'.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking "Route 1". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 402 TR/7/11/17

A. 2 F6Cs from 0820-1020. To recce on "Route 4". OBSERVATIONS: RR & HWY bdg at R-4248, appears serviceable. 6 pontoon section drawn up on E bank river at R-4555. M/Y Landau 1/3 full, 5 locos S/U working in yard (Called Controller at 0915). M/Y Neustadt 1/4 full, NMS 75 boxcars on siding at R-3390. 1 train 25 boxcars headed E at M-1955. M/Y at Hornbach 1/3 full NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0840-1000. WEATHER: 9-10/10 - 2 layers of clouds - 7500 top 5000 base; 3000 top, 1500 base-- in entire area.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking "Route 4". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 403 TR/16/11/20

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 0810-0930. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: Train 5 boxcars mvg S at R-2836, one train 50 B/C STAT, S/U, fac N at R-2836. (Called to Controller at 0845). Returned due to radio trouble. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, R-3037. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Unsatisfactory. TIME OVER AREA: 0830-0910. WEATHER: 10/10 top 3000 W of Rhine. Rhine river open.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (III-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2:40 hours.
E. 3000 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 404 TR/24/11/24

A. 2 F6Ds from 0800-1000. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: RR & HWY bdg at Speyer serv. 3 gps. of 50 boxcars on sidings between Speyer & Schifferstadt, strafed by P-47s - 1 fire started. Train, 10 B/C mvg N out of Schifferstadt. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: H&I-I, Speyer. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO- CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0820-0940. WEATHER: N of Karlsruhe, W of Rhine, layer 1-2000 6/10, 5-6000 8/10. S of Karlsruhe, W of Rhine open.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:00 hours. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 405 TR/17/11/21

A. 2 F6Cs from 1010-1120. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: RR overpass at R-2125 destroyed. No other obs. due to weather. Flight called back by Baggage. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1027-1103. WEATHER: N of Hagenau 10/10 base 2500--top 5500.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 2120 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/ 3362 - (32)

A. 1 F-5B, from 0930A to 1050A. To photo target: Dump at R-278563 (EDA), Germersheim A/F, Kirrlach A/F, Sinsheim A/F, Odheim A/F, Sachsenheim A/F, Huchenfeld A/F, OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Sachsenheim A/F - R-956397, and Huchenfeld A/F - R-712289. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1030A. WEATHER: Slight haze over target. Mission partially successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Dump at R-278563 (EDA), Germersheim A/F, Kirrlach A/F, Sinsheim A/F, Odheim A/F, Sachsenheim A/F, Huchenfeld A/F. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/ 3365 - (33)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1010A to 1110A. To photo Target: Malmsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Echferdingen A/F, Nellingen A/F, Deckenpfronn A/F, Nofzingen A/F, Hailfingen A/F, and Eufingen A/F, OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: All targets covered 10/10ths/ by stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (John L. Sanders, 1st. Lt.) Mission successful. (Cover Pilot - Willard O. Davis, F/O.)

B. (i) F-5E's, (ii) Two (2) attacking target: Malmsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Echferdingen A/F, Nellingen A/F, Deckenpfronn A/F, Nofzingen A/F, Hailfingen A/F and Eufingen A/F,/
(iii) Abortive Sortie - (a) All targets covered by 10/10ths/ stratus - no photographs taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil
(viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 1 hr.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operation "A" No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. — 34/3367 - (35)

A. 2 F-5E's, from 0945A to1135A.. To photo Target: Freiburg A/F, Aueschingen A/F, RR Line between Sasbach and Kondringen, RR/Line W-714466 to W-755414., Neuhausen A/D, RR/Stations and Yard at Uberlingen X-070087, RR/Stations and Yards at Radofzell
OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good.
TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: All targets covered 10/10ths with stratus and cumulus.
Mission unsuccessful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt.,)
Cover Pilot - Mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E's, (ii) (2) Two attacking target: Freiburg A/F, Aueschingen A/F. RR/Line between Sasbach and Kondringen, RR/Line W-714466 to W-755414. Neuhausen A/D, RR/Stations and Yard at Uberlingen , RR/Stations and Yards at Radofzell.
(iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Target Area covered with 10/10ths clouds - no photographs taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 1 hr 50 minutes
E. Nil
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F. Nil
G. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3368 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1000A to 1115A. To photo Target: Block: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1045A. WEATHER: Target Area covered with 10/10ths contrails - at 21,500 ft., Mission unsuccessful. (Robert E. Jarrell, Major.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Target Area - covered with 10/10ths. contrails - no photographs taken.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil

D. 1 hr. 15 minutes G. Nil

E. Nil H. Nil

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Oprep "AW No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3369 - (37)

A. 1 F-5B, from 0945A to 1150A. To photo Target: Block: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK Nil PHOTOS: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1045A. WEATHER: 7 - 8/10ths cloud coverage in target area. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B. (ii) 1 attacking target: Block: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364.
(iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil
(vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3371 - (39)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1005A to 1120A. To photo Target: Block: Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block: Q-7364 - Q-9064 - Q-9050 - R-3030 - R-2014 - Q-9340 - Q-7364. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025A to 1030A. WEATHER: 7 - 8/10ths cloud coverage over target area. - complete coverage in assigned area . Mission partially successful. (Joe NMI Merkle, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 15 minutes
E.v Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 317 for 24 hours ending sunset
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3372 - (40)

A. 1F-5E, from 0950A to 1105A. To photo Target: Block: Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784.
OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block: Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. and Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1025A.
WEATHER: 7 - 8/10ths cloud coverage over target area.
Mission successful. (James E. Lively, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 15 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Operations "A" No.: **317 for 24 hours ending sunset**
11 February 1945

MISSION U.S. -- 34/ 3373 - (41)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1015A to 1135A. To photo target: Rhine River - from Rastatt to Worms. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Rhine River - Rastatt to Worms. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1100A. WEATHER: 7 - 8/10ths cloud coverage in target area. MISSION SUCCESSFUL. (Alan H. McClard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Rhine River - Rastatt to Worms. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 20 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 2/11/45 SECRET

OPREP A No. 545 for the 24 hours ending Sunset 11 February 1945.

A. Two Beaufighters airborne during the period. One Intruder Mission from 18:00 to 19:05 hrs. in area East of Rhine near Strasbourg. Returned to base because of bad weather. Nothing to report. Second Mission from 20:30 to 22:05. Scrambled for Bogies in Mulhouse area. First Bogey at 12,000 ft. on vector 190, then vector 090. Minimum Range 12 Miles. Second Bogey at 10,000 ft. Vector 250. Disappeared right away. Third Bogey at 8,000 ft. on vector of 180. Lost right away. Fourth Bogey at 18,000 ft. Started to climb and was informed of another Bogey at 8,000 ft. Closed to four miles and then it disappeared. Nothing else to report.

B. (i) Two Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) One
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) None

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 2:45.

E. (i) 2000 x 20MM
12000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augenstein
HAROLD F. AUGENSTEIN,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
11 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 275.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 275 for 24 hours ending sunset 10 February 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-3, 4, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1621 hours, 10 February 1945, Lt. Lundberg leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron observed much friendly activity and not having any target 24 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned safe in a lake at Q-3912. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered along the front line. Time down at A-96, 1733 hours.
A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1634 hours, 10 February 1945, Lt. Constant leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs in a M/Y at Zweibrucken. 8 RR cars and 6 buildings were destroyed. 4, 20 mm AA guns with crews were destroyed at Q-7373. 8 x 500 lb. bombs hung up and were jettisoned safe in a lake at Q-4117. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at Zweibrucken. Time down at A-96, 1811.

B. 1. 31 x P47D's.
2. 31.
3 thru 6, None.
7. 1 CAT I - Flak.
8. 31 sorties.
C. 1. 7 x 75 gallons tanks.
2. None.
D. 1. 40:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 58,900 x .50 cal.
2. 720.
3. None.
F. 1. 48 x 500 lb. G.P. Normal fusing.
2. 16.
3. 32.
4. None.
G and H, None.
I. Other Claims - On Ground.
8 RR cars, 6 buildings destroyed at Zweibrucken.
4 AA guns, destroyed at Q-7373.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY L. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
10 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 10 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2654

2 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1600 down at 1740, target, warehouse & lumber yd at V-940210. T.O.T. 1650, bomb run to 800' with 5 hits in yd., damaging building. 1 hit unobserved. Strafed town at V-938242, strafed LAA positions at V-938242, killing several personnel & possible damage to guns. Strafed trenches around V-890240, scattered personnel. Moderate LAA at V-938242. Weather 10/10ths, 1000' to 3000' with rain S. of Strausbourg. Bombs exp: 4 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2655

12 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1615 down at 1800, target train at R-407655. T.O.T. 1710, bomb run to 2000' with 12 hits in station, 3 rail cuts, 6 hits on boxcars & warehouse, causing large explosion, destroying 2 warehouses & 5 boxcars, damaging 10 boxcars. 2 hits on road intersection, 2 hits S. of target, 6 hits unobserved. Flight strafed & dropped 5 x 100 lb Phos. in stores dump at R-357698. No results observed. Strafed & silenced 3 LAA positions at R-357698. Moderate HAA at Naustadt, intense LAA & Moderate HAA at R-407655, intense small arms & scant LAA at R-357698. Weather, Vosges Mts., 9/10ths 1500' to 10,000'.
Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2656

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1620 down at 1745, target, Zweibrucken M/Y at Q-725715. T.O.T. 1700, bomb run to 2000', 17 bombs & 6 rockets in M/Y, 2 bombs in town. Results, 2 boxcars destroyed, 1 rail cut, 4 buildings destroyed. Flight strafed & fired 11 rockets at locos at Q-980690, 1 loco damaged & 1 loco & 2 boxcars destroyed. Intense LAA at Q-720640, intense accurate HAA & scant inaccurate LAA at 1st target. Moderate LAA at Q-980690, moderate accurate HAA at Bitche. Weather, CAVU, target area. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 100 lb Phos., 17 rockets.

Mission 2657

12 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1630 down at 1800, target, M/Y at R-457697. T.O.T. 1715, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on loco & cars, destroying 1 loco & 4 boxcars, 2 hits on tracks, cutting them at R-465695, 3 hits E. of target, 4 hits among boxcars, destroying 8 & damaging 6, 7 hits unobserved, 7 hits scattered around M/Y. 1 hit on approach to RR bridge at R-470690, possible rail cut, 6 hits in town at R-465690, 2 bombs hung, dropped at R-465695, results unobserved. Strafed town of Germersheim, strafed 5 gun pits at R-445700, no results observed. Intense accurate HAA at Neustadt, intense inaccurate LAA at target. Weather 9/10ths, 3000' to 8000' from base to Rhine, 9/10ths 8000' to 15,000' east of Rhine. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1.
Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 10 FEBRUARY 1945

Note 4	B	(i)	34
		(ii)	34
		(vii)	2 Flak, Cat. #1
		(viii)	34
	C	(i)	1 75 gal.
		(ii)	1 75 gal.
Note 5	D	(i)	53:50
Note 6	E	(i)	68,000
		(ii)	17,010
Note 7	F	(i)	68 x 500 lb GP 25 x 100 lb Phos 17 Rockets
		(ii)	68 x 500 lb GP 24 x 100 lb Phos 17 Rockets (Returned 1 x 100 lb Phos. to base)

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
Locos	2	1
RR Cars	19	18
Buildings	2	1

RR cuts complete 5

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

EG/5

12 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

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1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 209 for the period ending Sunset 10 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15,16 and 17. Dive-bomb RR bridge.

A. A.O.15 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1529 hours to dive-bomb RR bridge at Offenburg (W-149849) and conduct armed recce to Donaueschingen. Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to target to Donaueschingen to base. Time over target 1630-1635 hours. Squadron received fix from Baggage to help locate target, which was bombed thru overcast. All bombs (36 x 500# GPs) on PT at W-149849. Overcast also prevented observations and no claims are made. Flak: Nil. No E/A encountered, no losses. Weather: Over target, 10/10ths clouds, base 1000-2000 ft tops 14,000 feet. Visibility above unlimited. Time down 1738 hours.

A.O.16 14 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1540 hours to dive bomb RR bridge at W-251244 and to conduct armed recce of Freiburg and Offenburg areas. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 # GP bombs. Route flown was base to Freiburg to base. Time over target, 1615 - 1715 hours. Target was closed in because of weather, so squadron found hole over Freiburg and dropped 24 x 1000# GPs on M/Y there. 10 bombs fell in the M/Y, 2 were misses, 4 fell on the town it self, and 8 bombs were not observed; claims are 1 M/Y damaged and 3 buildings in town destroyed. Many fires were started, but overcast prohibited the making of further observations. Flak was meagre heavy at Freiburg. No E/A encountered. No losses. Two P-47s aborted because of mechanical trouble and returned to base with their bombs (4 x 1000). Weather: 10/10, tops 20,000 ft; visibility above good; small hole over Freiburg. Down at base, 1805 hours.

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A.C.17 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1558 hours to dive-bomb RR bridge and to perform armed recce of Welmlingen, Freiburg areas. Each A/C carried 2 x 1000 GP bombs. Time over target; 1640-1720 hours. 8 x 1000# GPs were dropped thru hole in overcast on M/Y at W-1038; 2 hits fell in the M/Y and 3 box-cars are claimed destroyed. 8 x 1000 GPs were dropped on the rails at W-0836, causing 1 rail cut. 4 x 1000# GPs dropped on rails at W-0729; no hits and no claims. 2 x 1000# GPs were dropped on rails at W-0627; again no hits and no claims. 2 x 1000# GPs were dropped on factory buildings at W-0929, destroyed two factory buildings. Observations along route; 6 white M/T heading North on roadway S. of Freiburg at W-0430; 25 plus box-cars in M/Y at W-1038; Gatepost squadron had hit factory buildings and there was one large explosion in the M/Y which looked like a gasoline explosion in the M/Y which looked like a gasline explosion. Flak: Intense, light and moderate, heavy at W-0934. No E/A enccuntered. No losses. Weather: 9/10, tops 12,000, base unknown; one large hole over Freiburg, visibility above unlimited. Down at base, 1800 hours.

B. (i) 38 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on PT at W-149849, RR bridge, Offenburg.
12 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y, at Freiburg.
4 A/C dropped bombs on M/Y at W-1038.
4 A/C dropped bombs on rails at W-0836.
2 A/C dropped bombs on rails at W-0729.
1 A/C dropped bombs on rails at W-0627.
1 A/C dropped bombs on factory building at W-0929.
36 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 2 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 2 a/c mechanical; 1 oil leak, and 1 horizon.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 36

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 84:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 91,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 1,700 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 52 - 1000# GP bombs, fused-nose, M103; tail M102.
36 - 500# GP bombs, fused-nose, M103; tail M101,P.P.M14.
(ii) 48 - 1000# GPs and 36 - 500# GPs expended as follows:-

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36 - 500# GPs on PT at W-149849, RR bridge, Offenburg.
24 -1000# GPs on M/Y, Freiburg.
8 -1000# GPs on M/Y at W-1038.
8 -1000# GPs on rails at W-0836.
4 -1000# GPs on rails at W-0729.
2 -1000# GPs on rails at W-0627.
2 -1000# GPs on factory bldgs at W-0929.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
4 - 1000# GP bombs returned to base, abortive aircraft.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 3

9. Buildings, and factories,
a) Destroyed, 5

11. Railroads cut, 2

14. M/Y attacked,
c) Damaged, 1

Bombed through overcast; overcast prevented observations, and therefore no further claims are made.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GARZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

11 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]
Oprep A No. 190 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Fisher, took off at 1603 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" in the vicinity of Saverne or to hit alternate target - CP of 6 SS Division at Q-836473. Sq. contacted "Halfbake" who directed Sq. to Haganau area, but bad weather prevented. 22 x 500 dropped in town with 3 near misses on five buildings at Q-835475, the remainder of bombs dropped in out skrits of town, NRC. 2 x 500 jet. safe in lake at Q-8913, Flak was Nil. Weather over target, Pirmasens, Kaiserlautern, and to the east was 10/10 with tops at 10,000', vis. fair. T.O.T. 1630, T.D. 1728.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (d), NIL; (c) 1-Radio Failure-radio burned out.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly

D. (i) 18:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 720 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 2 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. NIL

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Oprep A No. 191 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 1621 on an A/R in area 6 for "Pineapple" or to hit alternate target - ammo and fuel dump at Q-543739. Sq. contacted "Baggage" who directed them to bomb a concentration of 75 boxcars and a small string of passenger cars which were stationary with no engines at M-2814. 32 x 500 dropped with 3 direct hits on boxcars and 10 near misses. 10 boxcars dest and 12 damaged with 2 railcuts, 4 buildings dest NE of tracks. Flak was nil. Weather was 7/10 at 10,000' 10/10 at 17,000' with haze to 3,000', vis. fair. T.O.T. 1700, T.D. 1738.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 16:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,308 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 22x500 RDX M103, M101A2, 10x500 G.P. M103, M101A2.
(ii) " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 10
(C) 12
9. (A) 4
11. (A) 2

Oprep A No. 192 for 24 hours ending Sunset 10 February 1945.
Mission or Operation 52 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Jackson, took off at 1613 on an A/R in area 6 for "Pineapple" or to hit alternate target - fuel dump at Q-787992. Sq. contacted "Baggage" who had no target. Sq. bombed M/Y at Kaiserlautern because weather obscured alternate target. 23 x 500 dropped on M/Y starting 3 fires, 2 locos dest, 3 locos dam., 50 boxcars dest, and 25 boxcars dam. 1 x 500 dropped on 30 boxcars that were stationary at R-1294, 2 boxcars dest. and 1 rail cut. Strafed and dest. 1 M/T headed E at R-1899. Strafed and dam. 3 M/T headed E at M-1203. Intense, accurate, light at R-0494 and intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Q-9060. Weather to target was overcast at 3,000', target area was CAVU. T.O.T. 1720, T.D. 1800.

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F. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "A" (Flak).
(viii) 12

G. NIL

D. (i) 25:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,560 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX Inst.
(ii) 24 x 500 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 1
(C) 3
3. (A) 2
(C) 3
4. (A) 52
(C) 25
11. (A) 1

For the Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG, 0-2
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 10 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 10 Feb. 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Koblin, Jr.
Signature

W. L. KOBLIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : HQ., Ninth Air Force, (Attn: 26th SOU)
HQ., XII TAC, (Attn: 23rd SOCR)

FROM: 111th TAC RON SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 117 for 24 hrs ending sunset 10 February 1945. S[redacted].

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

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For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTILE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. #374 US ARMY

10 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 148 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 10 February 1945.

No Missions Flown this Date.

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 316 for 24 hours ending sunset
10 February 1945

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374. U. S. Army.

Ref: 2/10/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 544 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 10 February 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne on Intruder Missions in Freiburg - Karlsruhe - Ludwigshafen - Neustadt area. First Mission from 18:05 to 20:35. Sighted convoy moving North at W-0356. Made one pass but guns failed to fire. Sighted another convoy at V-9540 but guns again failed to fire. Sighted six M/T at V-8937 moving East. Sighted a very bright light moving through the air which lasted for approximately 20 seconds. Second Mission from 18:10 to 18:50. Returned to base with instruments U/S. Third Mission from 21:10 to 21:40. Returned to base with AI out. Fourth Mission from 22:25 to 23:45. Damaged 4 M/T headed North 5 Miles South of Rastatt.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) Two
(f) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Four

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 5:00

E. (i) 4000 x 20MM
24000 x .303
(ii) 100 x 20MM
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. None

I. 4 M/T Damaged.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

S E C R E T

Oprep "A" No: 315 for 24 hours ending sunset
9 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3364 - (40)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1035A to 1140A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364/. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Area covered 10/10ths by stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) 1 F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii*) Abortive Sortie: (a) Area covered 10/10ths by stratus - no photographs were taken., (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A

To: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron

REF: 2/9/45 SECRET

OPER A No. 543 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 9, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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USAAF
FORM 34A

To: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron

REF: 2/9/45 [redacted]

OPER A No. 543 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, February 9, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period because of weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SS)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
14 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 278.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 278 for 24 hours ending sunset 13 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 14, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0905 hours, 13 February 1945, Lt. Ropp leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. bombs on a railroad intersection at V-9013 scoring 2 railcuts. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned in an open field NE of Colmer when 4 ME-109's jumped the squadron. Enemy aircraft made one pass and disappeared into the clouds. No futher contact was made. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Freiburg. Time down at A-96, 1113 hours.

A. One squadron of group took offon a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1031 hours, 13 February 1945, Lt. Center leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at V-974247, 3 direct hits destroyed 10 tank cars, damaged 20 RR cars. The tank cars were loaded with fuel resulting in large explosions and many fires. 4 buildings were destroyed. 1 building was strafed and destroyed at V-997245, probably an ammunition dump because it blew up and disintegrated when strafed. One large troop laden bus was strafed and destroyed at V-055315. 7 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a RR bridge at V-966260, bridge was probably destroyed, 2 railcuts were scored. 3 horse drawn vehicles and personnel strafed and destroyed at V-012237. 1 civilian car, 4 M/T's, 5 horse drawn vehicles strafed and destroyed at V-015238. 1 ox-drawn vehicle strafed and destroyed at V-968234. 2 M/T's, 1 horse-drawn vehicle strafed and destroyed at V-984229. 1 M/T destroyed, 1 M/T and 1 staff car damaged at V-011234. 2 M/T's, 1 staff car strafed and damaged at V-034227. 2 M/T's, 1 bus, 1 amphibious M/T strafed and damaged at V-975182. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was jettisoned accidentally over enemy territory. Scant, accurate, light and heavy flak encountered at V-995245. Time down at A-96, 1226 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1046 hours, Lt. Perley leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at W-7484, 2 direct hits caused a large explosion, probably an ammunition point. 4 buildings were strafed and destroyed, M/Y was damaged. 6 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at W-8192, M/Y was damaged, 1 locomotive damaged, 8 autos strafed and damaged. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at W-794686, damaging the M/Y and destroying 1 warehouse. 1 radio tower was strafed and damaged at W-888815. 1 locomotive and 2 RR cars were damaged at W-713841. 1 radio tower strafed and damaged at W-734816. 1 M/T strafed and destroyed at W-711815. 2 M/T's strafed and destroyed at W-719819. 1 auto strafed and destroyed at W-789915. 1 horse-drawn vehicle strafed and destroyed at W-789925. 2 horse drawn vehicles strafed and destroyed at W-792942. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at W-819969. Time down A-96, 1310 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1235 hours, 13 February 1945, Lt. Mesroprian leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 lb. bombs through an opening in the overcast at R-1072, the town of Lehr. All bombs fell on the town but an estimate of damage was prevented by poor visibility. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1411 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1359 hours, 13 February 1945, Lt. Westerman leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Homburg, 4 direct hits were scored but no estimate of damage was observed. M/Y was damaged. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/T at Grunstadt, damaging the M/T, 1 bomb hit a viaduct over the M/T and damaged it, 35 RR cars loaded with boxes were damaged, 4 hits in the town destroyed 8 buildings. 10 M/T strafed and damaged at R-3713. Intense, accurate, light flak encountered at Homburg. Time down at A-96, 1554 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1424 hours, 13 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. 22 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at R-310075, M/Y was damaged, 3 buildings were destroyed, 1 small truck damaged, 1 oil car destroyed. 2 trucks were strafed and destroyed at R-310091. 2 horse drawn vehicles strafed and destroyed at R-330075. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were jettisoned at V-7706. Moderate, accurate, light flak encountered at R-310075. Time down at A-96, 1629 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1538 hours, Lt. Ropp leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. bombs on a M/Y at Spaichingen. 15 bombs fell in the M/Y, 9 bombs fell on a group of buildings near the M/Y. The M/Y was damaged and 10 buildings were destroyed. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1743 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1652 hours, 13 February 1945, Lt. Willis leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 24 x 500 lb. bombs on a concentration of barracks and enemy positions across the Rhine at R-224538, 2 buildings were destroyed. 10 M/T's destroyed and 2 damaged by strafing at R-299485. 2 M/T's destroyed, 1 damaged by strafing at R-305501. 2 M/T's destroyed, 4 damaged by strafing at R-342526. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-224538. Time down at A-96, 1856 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Fighter Sweep mission from A-96 at 1720 hours, 13 February 1945, Capt. Lamour leading. 12 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Mission was uneventful. No flak. Time down at A-96, 1827.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Leaflet Dropping mission from A-96 at 1034 hours, 13 February 1945, Capt. Harding leading. 4 P47D's took off and completed mission. 48 propaganda bombs were carried, 2 were dropped on each of the following towns: Eisenheim, Stattmatten, Thunsen, Drusenheim. 1 large horse drawn vehicle was strafed and damaged at M-006439 and 3 M/T's were also damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-0629, M-005405. Time down at A-96, 1216 hours.

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DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 126 x P47D's.
2. 124 completed mission.
3. 2@
1 excessive oil temperature.
1 radio malfunction.
4 thru 6, None.
7. 3 C.T II - Flak.
2 C.T I - Flak.
8. 124 sorties.

C. 1. 26 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. 3 jettisoned.

D. 1. 236:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 239,400 x .50 cal.
2. 93,408 expended.
3. None.

F. 1. 162 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
2. 158.
3. 4.
4. None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

4 railcuts
15 H/D vehicles des, 1 damaged.
30 M/T destroyed.
61 M/T damaged.
8 M/T damaged.
11 RR cars dest.
55 RR cars dam.
2 railroad bridges dam.
1 staff car des, 2 dam.
1 oil tank destroyed.
33 buildings dest.
2 radio towers dest.

FIGHTER SWEEP

B. 1. 12 x P47D's.
2. 11
3. 1-C-Low hydraulic fluid.
4 thru 7, None.
8. 11 sorties.

C. None.

D. 1. 11:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 22,800 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.

F, G, H, I, None.

LEAFLET DROPPING

B. 1. 4 x P47D's.
2. 4.
3 thru 7, None.
8. 4 sorties.

C. None.

D. 1. 8:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 7,600 x .50 cal.
2. 780.
3. None.

F. 1. 8 x 2F-84K Propaganda bombs.
2. 8.
3 and 4, None.
G and H, None.

I. Other Claims - On Ground.

1 H/D vehicle damaged.
3 M/T's damaged.

For the Group Commander:

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1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U.S. Army
13 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 13 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2661

12 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0915 down at 1130, target, Drusenheim at R-157182. T.O.T. 0955, bomb run to 800'. 1 hit R-145186, 2 hits N. edge of town, 2 hits S. edge, 24 hits in town. 20 buildings destroyed & 20 damaged. 21 rockets also in town. Strafed road & RR S. of target. 1 bomb dropped at Q-3813. Intenst accurate LAA at R-143177, intense LAA at R-155210. Weather 10/10ths 4500' base top unknown, visibility good below 4500' entire way. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 23 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos, 21 rockets

Mission 2662

12 P-47s of the 315th Fighter squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1040 down at 1230, target RR bridge at Q-789591. T.O.T. 1110, bomb run to 800'. 6 near misses, 6 misses, 4 A/C bombed. 4 A/C bombed RR bridge at Q-795597, same T.O.T. & bomb run, 4 near misses, 8 misses. 4 A/C bombed tracks and station at Q-809954, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits among buildings, 3 destroyed, 2 hits in town 2 buildings destroyed, 2 hits near tracks. Strafed 2 locos & 35 cars loaded 2 MTs apiece at L-805109, 2 boxcars destroyed, hit by 1 phos. bomb, 2 locos damaged. 12 MT destroyed & 50 damaged. 2 x 500 lb hit near locos. Flight strafed 2 locos in station at L-797105, 2 locos damaged, 1 x 100 dropped here, no results observed. Strafed 2 locos at L-796096, 2 locos damaged. Strafed 20 boxcars at this point, 10 damaged, strafed loco & 20 boxcars at Q-899734, loco damaged. Strafed loco in Zweibrucken M/Y, loco blew up, destroyed. Lt. Crafton hit by flak at this point, bailed out 2 miles S. of Zweibrucken at Q-7368, M.I.A. Scant LAA at Q-8010 also at Zweibrucken. Weather 10/10ths 4000' base to Q-8412, North lowered to 2500' to 3000'. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2663

12 P-47s of the 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1055 down at 1255, target Oberhausen at V-981584. T.O.T. 1150, bomb run to 1000'. 21 hits in town, 15 buildings & 1 MT destroyed, 1 road block. Scant LAA from Hagenau forest. Weather 10/10ths 3500'. 2 A/C did not get off. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2664

12 P-47s, 4 of 315th, 4 of 314th and 4 of 316th Fighter Squadrons up at 1110 down at 1250 on dive bombing mission, target Kengengen M/Y at W-020553. T.O.T. 1130 bomb run to 1000', 4 hits destroyed loco, 2 boxcars & cut rails, 4 hits on train, 4 boxcars destroyed, 3 hits in town, no results observed. Just N. of Kengengen, 315th bombed train with 2 locos. T.O.T.1210, bomb run to 1000', 4 bombs near misses, 2 hits on boxcar, destroyed same, 1 hit square on loco, loco destroyed, 4 hits unobserved. Strafed & damaged 10 boxcars. 316th bombed train T.O.T. 1210, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits on & near train, 4 boxcars destroyed, 2 rail cuts accomplished. Flight recced Route #7. Scant LAA & HAA at Kengengen & V-998528 & V-9537, scant HAA at W-110500. Weather 10/10ths 4000' to 6000'. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2665

16 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on Bomber Escort Mission up at 1300 down at 1445. Target Lebach M/Y at Q-4092. Did not bomb, no incident. Weather 10/10ths 3500' to 6000' all the way.

Mission 2666

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1335 down at 1605, target, train at Q-792953. T.O.T. 1425, bomb run to 500', 10 misses. Flight strafed train loco & 3 cars damaged, Flight strafed loco at Q-795956, loco damaged. 4 A/C bombed train at M-0735. T.O.T. 1425, bomb run same as above, 2 hits on loco destroying same, 3 hits in buildings, 2 destroyed. 2 hits on tracks, 2 rail cuts, 2 misses. Flight recced route #10. Strafed loco & 30 Gondola cars at R-1792, 1 x 100 hit cars, 3 destroyed & loco damaged, 2 bombs destroyed 3 buildings, 2 hits at R-2858, no results observed. Strafed train at R-3470, loco damaged, strafed train at R-2959, loco & 4 cars damaged. Scant LAA at Homburg, intense LAA at M-0835 & R-3470. Moderate LAA at R-5969. Weather 10/10ths 3000' all the way. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 8 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2667

2 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1405 down at 1535, target, train at W-0028. T.O.T. 1450, bomb run to 2000', 3 hits into train, 3 boxcars destroyed. 1 A/C bombed Mulheim. T.O.T. & bomb run same as above, 3 hits into town 1 building destroyed. 1 A/C strafed slit trenches E. bank of Rhine, no results observed. Scant small arms fire from loco target & east bank of Rhine. Weather 8/10ths 2500' to 6500'. Bombs exp: 5 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2668

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1405 down at 1605, target, town at Q-5863. T.O.T. 1500, bomb run to 1000', 16 hits in target area. All buildings had been previously hit so no claims made. Strafed & destroyed halftrack near town. Flight strafed train at Q-650830, loco & 40 flat cars with 2 MT per car. Flight made 6 passes, 12 MT destroyed & 20 damaged. Explosion behind loco damaged loco, 1 RR car destroyed. Strafed RR cars at Q-666736, no results observed. Strafed train at Q-713848, loco & 4 boxcars damaged, 1 hit into town of Guchenbach (Q-4279) no results observed. Scant LAA at Q-582852. 1 A/C damaged landing, Cat. #1. Weather 10/10ths 3500' all the way. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2669

10 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron & 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down (6 planes 1600, 4 planes 1615,) target, Gun positions at R-127183. T.O.T. 1520, bomb run to 500', 22 hits in target area. Flight then strafed gun positions, 1 building destroyed in area. Horsefly said good results. Weather 10/10ths 3000' at target, 8/10ths 3000' at base. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2670

7 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1540 down 1800, target RR bridge between R-1097 & M-1305. T.O.T. 1630, bomb run to 3500', 4 hits on rails E. approach, 2 rail cuts, 13 misses. 24 rockets also missed. 1 A/C landed Ochey, reason unknown, plane O.K. No AA. Weather same as previous mission. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos., 24 rockets.

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Mission 2671

8 P-47s of the 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1545 down at 1800, target, rails between Q-690778 & Q-688768. T.O.T. 1630, bomb run to 1000', 4 hits caused 2 rail cuts, 9 near misses. Scant LAA at Saarbrucken. Weather 9/10ths 4000' all the way. 2 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-568540. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2672

7 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1700 down at 1845, target, supply dump at Q-798560. T.O.T. 1810, bomb run to 500', 5 hits at Q-5772, 9 hits in target area, no claims. 3 bombs jettisoned at Q-8127. Moderate LAA at Neunkirchen & Sarrbrucken, moderate LAA & small arms fire at target. Weather 10/10ths 2500' - 4000' all the way. 1 A/C did not get off, taxi accident. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2673

6 P-47s of the 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1705 down at 1820, target, train at W-166030. T.O.T. 1730, bomb run to 1000', 2 near misses, 4 unobserved, 4 misses. Planes strafed & damaged loco & 5 cars. 2 A/C bombed train at W-162878. T.O.T. 1735, bomb run to 1000', 3 hits into train, 6 cars destroyed, 2 misses, 1 hit into town, results unobserved. Scant LAA at W-1790. Weather 8/10ths at 4000' W. of Rhine, 10/10ths E. of Rhine. 1 bomb jettisoned at Q-2823. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 4 E	(i)	104	
	(ii)	101	
	(iii) c.	1	
	d.	2	
	(vi)	1	Flak
	(vii)	1	Landing accident, Cat #1
		2	Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	101	
	C (i)	4	75 gal.
	(ii)	4	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	192:00	
Note 6 E	(i)	208,000	
	(ii)	75,420	
	(iii)	2,000	
Note 7 F	(i)	209 x 500 lb GP	
		55 x 100 lb Phos	
		45 Rockets	
	(ii)	198 x 500 lb GP	
		48 x 100 lb Phos.	
		45 Rockets	
	(iii)	7 x 500 lb GP	
		4 x 100 lb Phos.	
(Returned to Base)		4 x 500 lb GP	
		3 x 100 lb Phos.	
Note 8 G		1 Pilot M.I.A.	

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	26	70
Locos	4	15
RR cars	26	36
Buildings	47	20
Road block complete	1	
Rail cuts complete	8	

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

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Note 4 B	(i)	16
	(ii)	16
	(viii)	16
Note 5 D	(i)	27:45
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

13 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

Ref : [redacted]

1. Oprep A No. 196 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945, a negative report is submitted.

For The Commanding Officer:

Raymond K. Long
RAYMOND K. LONG, 0-2
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

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Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Wheeler, took off at 0912 to D/B supply dump at Q-543739 and perform recce in area 10. Weather prevented Sq. from attacking assigned targets, however, Sq. contacted "Baggage" who sent them E of Rhine River, on recce. 12 x 500 on RR tracks at R-303153, 1 direct hit, 1 rail cut. 10 x 500 on RR tracks at R-298135, 2 direct hits, 2 rail cuts. 2 x 500 in M/Y at Buhl at R-289105, NRO. 9 x 500 on RR tracks at R-295125, all near misses. Sq. began strafing and damaged 2 horse drawn vehicles moving E at R-289139, Dest. 2 trucks at R-290139, moving E. Dest. 1 half track at R-285136 moving NE. Dest. what appeared to be one american jeep and trailer facing S at R-315165. Dam. half track facing SE at R-301100. Dest. truck facing N at R-285110. Dest. 1 truck facing N at R-296111. Intense inaccurate light flak encountered at R-230195 and R-270328. 10/10 clouds base 4500', tops unknown, vis. unlimited prevailed. T.O.T. 0950-1030, T.D. 1055.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 cal.
(ii) 10,720 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 33 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 33 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) Nil

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F. (iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 6
2. (A) 1
(C) 1
11. (A) 3
13. (C) 2

Oprep A No. 198 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 48 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Flaitz, took off at 0844 to perform an armed recce in area 10. "Baggage" turned Sq. over to Gosling Blue who assigned target - 4 trains at Offenburg. Target was gone when Sq. reached Offenburg. A supply dump at W-085769 was then assigned. 22 x 500 dropped with 15 direct hits destroying dump. 9 x 500 on 40 plus M/T moving W on road between W-0789 and W-1286. 2 M/T dest. Flak guns at W-085925 strafed NRC. 1 x 500 dropped in town of Friesenheim destroying house. Accurate heavy flak was encountered at W-0789. Weather for mission was 10/10 4-6,000' vis good. T.O.T. 0930-1000, T.D. 1025.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 21:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 22,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 8,300 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 32 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 2
7. (A) 1
9. (A) 1

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Mission or Operation No. 49 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 1043 on an armed recce in area 10 or to hit alternate target, fuel dump at Q-787992. Sq. contacted "Baggage", weather prevented attack on pre-briefed target, who assigned road junction in area R-9515. Attack made through hole in overcast with 43 x 500. 6 direct hits on C/R, 4 houses destroyed, NRO. 6 road cuts made. 10/10 clouds 3,500' 4-6 miles vis., no flak opposition. T.O.T. 1120, T.D. 1220.

B. (i) 16 P-47's
(ii) 15 "
(iii) (a), (b) and (d) NIL, (c) 1-Engine instruments excessive mag. drop.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 15

C. (i) 2 - 150 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 150 Gal. U.S. Belly.

D. (i) 28;45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 40,880 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 14x500 GP M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 32 x 500 RDX (Same fuse).
(ii) 13x500 " " " " " 30 x 500 " " "
(iii) 1x500 " " " " " 2 x 500 " " "
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 9. (A) 4
10. (A) 6

Oprep A No. 200 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 1153 on an armed recce in area 10. Sq. contacted "Baggage" who had no target. 25 x 500 on R/J at Q-4283 with 8 hits that made 2 roadblocks. "Paggage" assinged M/Y at Homburg at Q-6779 as strafing target. Approx. 300 boxcars in M/Y - 15 dameged. No. locos observed. 4 x 500 jet at Q-2719. 10/10 clouds 2500-6000', vis good prevailed for weather; no flak opposition encountered. T.O.T. 1220-1300, T.D. 1337.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "

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B. (iii) (a), (b), (d) NIL (c) 1-Engine-was unable to receive sufficient power; jet. bombs.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 22:40 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 11,000 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 29 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 tail
(ii) 25 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 4 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 4. (C) 15
10. (A) 2
14 --- 1

Oprep A No. 201 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Lt. Washburn, took off at 1326 to D/B supply dump at Q-5474 and perform recce in area 10. "Gentile" assigned target of concentration of troops at strong point of town of Drusenheim at R-158183. 31 x 500 dropped on town with all direct hits on town; town was burning and covered with smoke as planes left target area. 2 x 500 dropped and fell short of target. 6 x 500 jet. safe in lake at Q-4010. Flak was moderate light and inaccurate with small arms fire over Drusenheim. 10/10 4-6,000' with broken cloud layed at 10-12,000' vis. clear above and below overcast. T.O.T. 1430, T.D. 1552.

B. (i) 15 P-47's
(ii) 14 "
(iii) (a), (c), and (d) NIL; (b) 1-Pilot error-got lost in a cloud, could not find Sq.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 14

C. NIL

D. (i) 34:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 37,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,840 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 36 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 33 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) 3 x 500 " " " " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. 13. (A) 3
16. --- 1

Oprep A No. 202 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 62 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Kennedy, took off at 1345 on an armed recce in area 10. "Gentile" contacted, Sq. was given target of town of Drusenheim at R-158180. 36 x 500 on town, large explosion and fire in SW part of town, probably ammo dump exploded. Sq. strafed town twice, NRO due to too much smoke. Intense inaccurate light flak encountered at R-292321 and R-158180 plus machine gun fire at the latter. 10/10 from 4-5,000', vis good, thin layer at 15,000'. T.O.T. 1445-1500, T.D. 1529.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 25:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 16,041 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24x500 RDX and 12x500 GP M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 24x500 " " 12x500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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Mission or Operation No. 53 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Wheeler, took off at 1632 to D/S supply dump at Q-543739 and perform recce in area 10. Sq. bombed "Pineapple" at Illengen M/Y at Q-507867, 16 x 500 dropped in M/Y. 13 x 500 direct hits in M/Y. 3 boxcars dest., seen burning, 5 dam. 1 signel or switching house dest. by direct hit, dam. 15 boxcars by strafing, dam. 1 light flak gun position by strafing. 8 x 500 dropped at Ottweiler at Q-588892, 5 direct hits on town, 7 bldgs. claimed dest. 1 x 500 made 1 rail cut at Q-586896, 2 x 500 missed. Intense, light accurate flak encountered at Illengen Q-502867. Ceiling 4000', 10/10 prevailed. T.O.T. 1650-1730, T.D. 1803.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 19:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,840 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 8
(C) 20
6. (A) 1
9. (A) 8
11. (A) 1
14. --- 1

Oprep A No. 204 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 54 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Harrison, took off at 1453 on an armed recce in area 10. Sq. contacted "Baggage" but had no targets. Then Sq. went to Neunkirchen and dropped 15 x 500 on M/Y at Q-5984 with 4 direct hits in M/Y, NRO; 2 bldgs. dest. in town. 6 x 500 on M/Y at Iebach where 30 plus boxcars were observed. 6 direct hits dest. 8 boxcars and 1 oil car which exploded. Cut a repair trestle and dest. 4 bldg. which exploded with billowing flames and smoke. 2 x 500 on M/Y at Krettnich L-425035, NRO. 9/10 clouds 4500-5000', vis. excellent prevailed, no flak opposition. T. O. T. 1520-1550, T.D. 1625.

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B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 2 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 23:45 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,460 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 23 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 23 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. NIL

H. NIL

I. 4. (A) 9
9. (A) 3
14. --- 3

Oprep A No. 205 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 55 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Delaney, took off at 1647 to perform armed recce in area 10 or to hit alternate target, a fuel dump at Q-787992. Sq. contacted "Baggage" and Halfbake George, latter directed Sq. to attack Baeremthal Q-8442 marked with white smoke where 30 x 500 were dropped and afterwards strafed. 1 hits on bldgs. in town, 17 dest., no fires observed. 2 guns knocked out after hits, 2 direct hits on position, guns destroyed. Intense accurate light flak encountered at Q-8442. 10/10 at 4000' vis unlimited prevailed. T.O.T. 1715, T.D. 1810.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 3 P-47's Cat "A" (Flak)
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 18:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,720 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 9,12b " " "
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 22 x 500 RDX and 8 x 500 Gp. M103 nose, M101A2 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " 8 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 7. (A) 2 9. (A) 17

Oprep A No. 206 for 24 hours ending Sunset 13 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 56 TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 1719 on an armed recce in area contacting "Baggage" who had no targets. 16 x 500 on R/J at L-4012 cutting road in three places. 6 x 500 dropped on supply depot at L-3291, dest. 1 bldg., cutting RR tracks in one place (tracks running thru). 10/10 tops 6000', haze 3000', vis. poor due to darkness. T.O.T. 1740-1755, T.D. 1835.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 18:05 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) and (iii) NIL

F. (i) 24 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 Tail.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) to (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 9. (A) 1
11. (A) 3
10. (A) 1.

For the Commanding Officer:

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15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 212 for the period ending Sunset 13 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15, 16, 18, 19, and 21. Armed Recce Missions.

A. A.O. 15 11 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0855 hours to conduct A/R, area #10, D/B of alternate target, W-787992, fuel dump. Squadron carried 33 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe, Freadenstadt (W-5085) to base. T.O.T. 1010 - 1030. 9 GPs On Freadenstadt M/Y (W-5085) 20 box cars in yard. 6 hits in yard, 3 NRO. 1 M/Y damaged, otherwise NRO. 6 GPs on 1 loco, 30 boxcars facing W just NE of Freadenstadt M/Y. Also strafed: 1 loco damaged, 5 box cars damaged, 1 rail cut. 15 GPs on 2 locos, 30 box cars, (1 train) 3 flat cars loaded with crates, 1 tank car, at W-520809. 2 locos destroyed by direct bomb hits, 5 box cars destroyed by bombs, 1 rail cut, 25 cars damaged (remainder of train) by strafing. 1 signal contol tower damaged by strafing. 3 GPs on 25 box cars at W-531799, all misses. 2 box cars damaged by strafing. Observations: W-495722, 1 loco, 30 box cars, steam up, stationary, facing S. Also 100 plus box cars appeared to be loaded. "Baggage" directed squadron to Karlsruhe to contact "Brutus Blue", but before they could R/V with "Brutus Blue", squadron returned short of gas. E/A nil, no losses. Flak: W-5085 scant, light. Weather: 10/10, base 3500 to 7000; vis good, occasional breaks in overcast. Down 1150.

A.O. 16 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 0920 to conduct A/R. Each a/c carried 2 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown was base to Saarbrucken, Karlsruhe, Rastadt, Torrwil to base. T.O.T. 0950 - 1045. "Baggage" told squadron to go to Karlsruhe, but weather closes in and squadron went South. 16 GPs on M/Y at W-2452, 100 cars and 2 locos steam up. 10 direct

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hits in yard, 4 near misses, 4 in E end, 2 in W end. 12 cars and 1 loco destroyed by direct hits. 10 cars damaged, 2 secondary explosions by fuel cars causing heavy black smoke. 1 M/Y damaged. 8 bombs dropped on RR siding, 3 trains at W-6558 steam up headed S. No hits, 1 probable rail cut; 2 freight trains and 1 passenger train composed of 3 loco's, 30 box cars, 6 flat cars, 6 tank cars, and 6-7 coaches. 3 locos and 48 cars damaged by strafing. 2 GPs failed to explode and 2 bombs hung up, momentarily and overshot. At W-2048 strafed 2 M/Ts, 2 damaged, headed SW. 7 light flak guns strafed and damaged at W-2452. Observations: 1 factory of 20 buildings intact observed at Triberg at W-3848. 15 Red Cross trucks seen headed SW vic W-2048. No e/a, Flak: light intense at W-2452. Weather: 10/10s base 4000, tops 6000 , vis unlimited above and 15 miles below. Down 1113.

A.O. 18 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1254 to conduct A/R - area #10. 35 x 500 lb GPs were carried. Route flown was base to Offenburg, Rottweil to base. T.O.T. 1345 - 1415. 35 GPs on Rottweil M/Y (W-6752). 40 box cars in yard, 1 loco with 10 box cars facing E toward S exit. 23 hits in yard, 3 misses. 6 hits on building which appeared to be repair shop on edge of M/Y corrugated roof; 6 tracks leading to it. 3 bombs on rail S of yards. 1 M/Y damaged, 1 loco damaged, 15 box cars destroyed, 20 box cars damaged, 1 building damaged. Fire observed in building, but died out as squadron left. 1 rail cut, 1 building destroyed, 1 building damaged adjacent to yard. No e/a seen. Weather 4/10s, base 5000 to 6000 ft, vis good. No losses. Flak: W-6752 scant, light. Down 1500.

A.O. 19 12 P-47s of the 366th squadron dispatched at 1240 to perform A/R. Squadron carried 35 x 500 lb GPs. Route flown was base to Saarbrucken, Haguenau, Karlsruhe to base. T.O.T. 1300 - 1350. Squadron went to Saarbrucken and recce area was closed by solid overcast. Contacted "Baby" and he gave Squadron "Egg basket". All bombs dropped on Karlsruhe - MRC. No observations, no e/a, no flak, no losses. Weather: 10/10s base 3000, tops 5500, vis above unlimited. Down 1410.

A.O. 21 16 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispathed at 1605 to conduct A/R area #8. Squadron carried 47 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown base to Strasbourg, Freadenstadt, Karb, Guttingen to base. T.O.T. 1705 - 1735. 24 GPs on Guttingen M/Y (W-8032) 1 loco 20 box cars facing W. 5 hits on tracks leading to round house. 3 direct hits on roundhouse, causing explosions. 3 hits on adjacent buildings. 13 misses. 1 M/Y damaged, 1 roundhouse destroyed, 2 buildings destroyed. 12 GPs on 1 loco, 30 box cars moving N at W-6921, 2 direct hits on cars, 2 cars destroyed, 10 damaged, 1 loco damaged, 1 rail cut, fires started among box cars. 11 GPs on M/Y at W-6825 - 150 box cars, 4 locos, 6 direct hits in yard, 5 misses. 1 M/Y damaged, 10 box cars destroyed, 1 loco destroyed, 40 box cars damaged, 6 buildings damaged. 30 cars, half box and half tank cars at

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W-8637, damaged by strafing. 1 control tower damaged by strafing. 1 loco, 15 boxcars facing NE at W-7817, 1 loco 8 cars, 1 control tower damaged by strafing. Observations: Nil, e/a, and losses nil. Flak: W-8637, moderate light. Weather: 3/10, base 5000 to 6000 ft, vis 10 miles. Down 1825.

B. (i) 63 P-47s dispatched and completed missions.
(ii) 11 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
Freadenstadt M/Y (W-5085)
1 loco, 30 box cars facing W NE of Freadenstadt M/Y: Also strafed
W-520809 - 2 locos, 30 box cars, 3 flat cars loaded with crates, 1 tank car: Also strafed.
W-531799 - 25 box cars: Also strafed.
12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
M/Y at W-2452
W-6558 - RR siding, 3 trains steam up, headed S Also strafed.
W-2048 - strafed 2 M/Ts headed SW & 7 light flak guns.
12 a/c dropped bombs on Rottweil M/Y (W-6752)
12 a/c dropped bombs on Karlsruhe - RRO.
16 a/c dropped bombs on the following:
Guttingen M/Y (W-8032)
W-6921 - 1 loco & 30 box cars moving N
M/Y at W-6825: Also strafed.
Strafed 1 control tower at W-6825.
Strafed 1 loco, 15 box cars facing NE at W-7817.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 63

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 151:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 151,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 31,115 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 174 - 500# GP bombs, fused - nose, M103; tail, M113 and M101A2, and nose spikes.
(ii) 174 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
9 on Freadenstadt M/Y (W-5085) on 20 box cars
6 on 1 loco, 30 box cars facing W just NE of M/Y.
15 on 2 locos, 30 box cars, 3 flat cars, 1 tank car, at W-520809.
3 on 25 box cars at W-531799.

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16 on M/Y at W-2452, 100 cars & 2 locos steam up.
8 on MR siding, 3 trains at W-6558 steam up hd. S.
35 on Rottweil M/Y (W-6752) 40 box cars, 1 loco with 10 box cars facing E towards S exit.
35 on Karlsruhe; NRO.
24 on Guttingen M/Y (W-8032) 1 loco, 20 box cars, facing W.
12 on 1 loco, 30 box cars moving N at W-6921.
11 on M/Y at W-6825, 150 box cars 4 locos.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I.
1. Military Transportation
c) 2
3. Locomotives
a) 4
c) 7
4. Railroad Cars
a) 44
c) 228
6. Gun Emplacements
c) 7
9. Factories & Miscellaneous Bldgs.
a) 4
c) 8
11. Railroads Cut
a) 6
b) 1
14. M/Y Attacked
2
17. Other
c) Signal Tower.

4. Operation No.: A.C. 17 and 20. Dive Bomb and Armed Recce.

A. A.C. 17 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0927 to Dive Bomb Ammo factory at R-393551 and A/R Neustadt, Worms, Weinheim, Karlsruhe. Each aircraft carried 3 x 500 lb GP bombs. Route flown, unknown, probably vic SW of Stuttgart. T,O,T. 1010 - 1120. "Baggage" informed squadron they were east of Rhine River. 8 GPs on barracks, place unknown - no claim. 4 GPs on M/Y, place unknown, M/Y damaged. 9 GPs on M/Y - NRO, place unknown. 6 GPs on M/Y, 1 loco destroyed by bombs, 30 cars damaged by strafing - place unknown. 3 GPs on M/Y, place unknown - M/Y damaged. 2 aircraft aborted, 1 prop and 1 power plant. 3 GPs returned by abortive aircraft; 3 GPs jettisoned by abortive aircraft near vic of base. All targets attacked believed to be 30 miles SW of Stuttgart. Observations: Squadron could not bomb P/T or go on their briefed

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recce because of weather conditions. Squadron had been on mission close to 2 hours when an airfield was spotted with about 10 camouflaged Me 109's on it. Field was in vic about 30 miles SW of Stuttgart. Squadron did not attack because they were all low on gas and were returning to base. Flak: heavy, moderate, inaccurate at airfield. No losses. Weather: target area 9-10/10ths clouds base 4000, tops 7500. Visibility good except in clouds. Down 1212.

A.C. 20 12 P-47s of the 367th Squadron dispatched at 1345 hours to Dive Bomb target R-236536, and A/R Karlsruhe, Weinheim, Worms (Area #3) and target. /each a/c carried 3 x 500 lb bombs. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Pforzheim to Muhlacker to base. Unable to follow assigned recce area due to poor weather. T,O,T, 1530. 12 GPs on 6 factory type bldgs at Muhlacker (R-8140) NRO. 21 GPs on small M/Y at Muhlacker - NRO. 15 box cars in yard. 2 misses hit large building which was left burning - claimed damaged. 3 500 GPs on 5 box cars at R-840404. Direct hits destroyed 4 cars. Observations: large camouflaged factory S of Muhlacker at R-810388. 2 strings of 15 box cars each at R-800406 - no locos. 40 box cars in M/Y at Dinglingen (R-0872). No e/a seen. Flak: Nil. No losses. Weather: 10/10ths, base 3800, tops 5400, visibility below and above unlimited. Down 1617.

B.
(i) 24 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 10 a/c bombed the following:
8 GPs on barracks (unknown)
4 GPs on M/Y (unknown)
9 GPs on M/Y (unknown)
6 GPs on M/Y (unknown) also strafed.
3 GPs on M/Y (unknown)
12 a/c bombed the following:
factory buildings at Muhlacker (R-8140)
small M/Y at Muhlacker
5 box cars at R-840404.
22 a/c completed missions.
(iii) 2 a/c abortive due to:-
c) mechanical - 1 prop; 1 power plant.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 22

C.
(i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D.
(i) 59:45
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 72 - 500# GP bombs, fused - nose, M103; tail M113 and M101A2
(ii) 66 - 500# GP bombs expended as follows:-
8 on barracks (unknown)
4 on M/Y (unknown)
9 on M/Y (unknown)
6 on M/Y (unknonw)
3 on M/Y (unknown)
12 on 6 factory type bldngs at Muhlacker (R-8140)
21 on small M/Y at Muhlacker, 15 box cars
3 on 5 box cars at R-840404
(iii) 3 GPs jettisoned near base.
(iv) Nil -
3 GPs returned to base.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 3. Locomotives
a) 1
4. Railroad Cars
a) 4
c) 30
9. Factories and Miscellaneous Bldgs.
a) Nil
c) 1
11. Railroads Cut
Nil

4. Operations No.: A.C. 80. Close Cooperation Missions.

A. A.C. 80 16 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 1540 hours to give close cooperation. Each a/c carried 2 x 1000 lb GP bombs. Route flown Was base to Q-362658 to base. T.O.T. 1607 - 1640. "Pelican" contacted and had red smoke on target. All bombs dropped on factory at Q-362658. Main structure completely destroyed by 20 direct hits. 12 misses observed. Two smaller buildings East of main structure not hit - intact. One building on extreme east end of photograph destroyed by 1 miss. 2 buildings destroyed, slightly NE on photo from 2 small buildings of factory by 2 misses. 2 hits on RR tracks N of main structure. North and Eastern sides of hill N of target thoucughly strafed by numerous passes. Barracks on extreme N of vertical photo strafed. Observations along route: our vehicles observed at Q-2865 and at Q-3269. Artillery bursts observed at Q-3470. No e/a seen; no losses. Flak: light weak at Q-362658. Weather: 10/10ths, base 4500 tops unknown, vis below ten miles. Down at 1710.

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B. (i) 16 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 16 a/c bombed factory at W-362658, and strafed heavily.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 16
16 a/c completed mission.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 28:55
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition.)
(ii) 15,850 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 32 - 1000 lb GPs, fused - tail, M114.
(ii) 32 - 1000 lb GPs expended as follows:
20 on main structure
1 on building on east end of photo
2 on buildings NE of photo
2 on RR tracks N of main structure
12 misses.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. NIL

H. Nil

I. 9. Factories and Miscellaneous Buildings.
a) 4
11. Railroads Cut
a) 2.

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Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 13 FEB. 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - weather enroute.

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 442nd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs: 13 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 482

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 11:42 Time Down 15:06 Total Hours 10:03
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 10/10ths Strato cumulus, bases 3,500' to 4,000' tops 6,000
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
None		3 B-26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) NEAR LAHAUH, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Gun Position (M) Q-391869	Volklingen Q-3573	No Attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3 Ship formation Bomb Run - No run made due to weather.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. * None, due to weather. Formation turned back at Volklingen at 13:55 hours from 12,000 feet. Grid Q-3573.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd To Base
20# Frags.		360	None				None	360

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	6,825	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a/c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A/C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 13 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 284

1. No. Off 22 B-26's Time Up 12:04 Time Down 15:22 Total Hours 73:49
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 10/10ths Strato cumulus, bases 3,500' to 4,000' tops 6,000.
4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
4 B-26's	Spares	18 B-26's	Weather.

5. Target: (1) [redacted], GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Marshling Yards (M) Q-400899	Volklingen Q-3573	No Attack.		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. No Run made due to weather.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Formation turned back at Volklingen, Q-3573 at 13:55 hours from 10,800 feet due to complete overcast.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A	C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.01	176	None				none	176

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	50,050	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None			

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 13 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 483

1. No. Off 29 B-26's Time Up 11:45 Time Down 15:06 Total Hours 92:50

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 10/10ths Strato cumulus, bases 3,500' to 4,000' tops 6,000'

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
2 B-26's	Spares	27 B-26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) [redacted], (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Marshling Yards. (a) ∠-396902	Volklingen ∠3573	No Attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb run - No run made due to weather.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - Formation turned back at Volklingen, ∠-3573 at 13:50 hours from 13,500'

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1&.01	232	None				None	232

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8. Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	116,450	None

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 120 for 24 hours ending sunset, 13 February, '45. SECRET

OPERATIONS NO. 3736, TR/4/13/1.

A. 2 F6C's from 0725-0940. To recce Saarbrucken-Homburg-Kaiserslautern-Strassbourg-Mahlber-Pforzheim-Rastatt area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 large MT and trailer mvg. south Q-5173. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. north into St. Ingbert. 2 large MT and trailers mvg. SW Q-6578. 2 trains with steam up in M/Y facing south at Q-7280. 2 locomotives with steam up in M/Y at Q-6084. 3 trains facing west in M/Y Q-9595. Approx. 400 boxcars in same M/Y. 3 locomotives with steam up in M/Y at R-0294. 500 cars in same M/Y. 3 locomotives with steam up in Offenburg. Bridges at W-2179 and W-2468 intact. 50 boxcars in M/Y at R-3912. 3 MT mvg. NW into Rastatt. 1 train with 20 cars steam up facing south in Rastatt M/Y. 150-200 boxcars in Rastatt M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate at Lichtenau, R-2015. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at R-1240. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0915. WEATHER: 3/10 2500-3000' and 10/10 4000' Kaiserslautern and North. Ceiling at 4000' breaking up SE of Strassbourg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Strassbourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3737, TR/10/13/4.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-1015. To recce Karlsruhe-Bruchesal-Pforzheim-Landau area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 trains with 30 boxcars each mvg. south from Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. north at R-5258. 2 locomotives with steam up facing south in Bruchsal M/Y. 1 train with 25 coal cars loaded with coal mvg. SE at R-6657. 1 train with 30 boxcars mvg. SE at R-6752. 1 train with 10 boxcars mvg. south at R-6049. 1 train with 35 boxcars facing west at R-7049. 1 train with steam up facing west at R-7049. 5 MT mvg. SE at R-7756. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. north R-3?8410. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. north at R-3?46. 1 train with 35 boxcars mvg. NW at R-4?49. 1 train with 30 boxcars stationary facing north at R-3956. 8-10 MT stationary facing north at R-4163. 1 train with 25 boxcars mvg. easts at R-2954. 2 locos. with steam up facing south in Landau M/Y. 1 MT mvg. NW at R-5249. 2 MT mvg. east at R-2243. Mission was forced to land at Luneville due to shortage of gas... was interrogated by S-2 of 324th F.G. ENEMY AIR:
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Karlsruhe-Landau. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3738, TR/13/13/7.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0745-0950. To recce Offenburg-Haslach-Freiburg-Neuenburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train with 20 plus boxcars mvg. south at W-1794. 2 locomotives in Offenburg M/Y. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. north at W-2665. 1 train with 15 boxcars mvg. north at W-2772. 1 train with 20 boxcars mvg. west at R-3365...called all to controller. 2 MT mvg. SW W-3562. 30 MT, 10 HDT scattered mvg. north between W-0254 and W-0260. 5 HDT mvg. east at W-1532. 3 white MT stationary at W-1829. 6 MT mvg. west V-9955. 5 MT mvg. west at V-9829. 3 MT mvg. south at V-?962. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-light-scant-inaccurate at Haslach. Light-moderate at W-0458. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0805-0930. WEATHER: 3/10 5000-5500' Offenburg-Freiburg-Rhine valley. 10/10 1-6000' south and west of W-3550.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Offenburg-Neuenburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3739, TR/20/13/10.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0750-0905. To recce Saarbrucken-Wissembourg-Pirmasens-Saargemund area. OBSERVATIONS: 6 MT mvg. north into Wissembourg. 7-8 MT mvg. northinto ~~Ni~~ Q-8964. 5 MT mvg. north Q-5760. No other movement seen due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0805-0850. WEATHER: 10/10 2-500', vis. 2 miles with a few breaks.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saargemund. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 60 rds (Test) (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3740, TR/5/13/2.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0815-1000. To recce Strassbourg-Haguenau area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather.. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-moderate-accurate at Neufreistett. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0845-0930. WEATHER: 10/10 4-6000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Haguenau. (iii)-(vii) 2. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii). F., G., H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3741, TR/14/13/8.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0920-1110. To recce Strassbourg-Freiburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 8 MT mvg. west at V-9512. 2 MT mvg. east V-9912. 5 MT mvg. north V-9217. 3 MT mvg. north W-0128. 2 MT mvg. north W-0945. 25-30 MT mvg. west into Freiburg. 15 flat cars covered by canvas on siding at W-0770. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0940-1040. WEATHER: 10/10 4500-7000' Rhine.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Freiburg area. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3742, TR/21/13/11.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1100-1235. To recce Saarbrucken-St. Wendel-Landstuhl-Zweibrucken-Bitche area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1220. WEATHER: 10/10 3-6000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3743, TR/11/13/5.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1100-1300. To recce Strassbourg-Karslruhe-Stuttgart-Freiburg area. OBSERVATIONS: North Freiburg M/Y about 70-80% filled with boxcars..south M/Y about 30% filled. Fire in town of Kirchofen W-004247 and town of Ehrenstetten W-010240. 1 very large MT with trailer same size as MT mvg. SW V-9926. 3 MT mvg. SE V-9430. 3 ambulances mvg. SE V-955275. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1245. WEATHER: 10/10 3-7000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Freiburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3744, A/6/31/13/31.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1135-1350. Arty R. in R-1233 area. OBSERVATIONS: Target was RR and road at R-1283300..adjustment for 155 rifle. 15 rds fired, four of which were within 50 yards of target. 11th rd. hit a bldg. 150 yards north of target, starting a fire. Observed 4 MT mvg. south at R-1233 after 2nd round. 1 half track stationary facing east R-0954. 1 MT mvg. south at R-0732. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Very good. TIME OVER AREA: 1215-1330. WEATHER: 10/10 3-4000'.
B. (1) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking R-1233. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3745, TR/6/13/3.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1220-1320. To recce Saarbrucken-Landau-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: None due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate at Zweibrucken-Q-9073. Light-scant-accurate at R-1767 and Bergzabern. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1235-1300. WEATHER: 10/10 3500' Wissembourg.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3746, TR/22/13/12.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1320-1500. To recce Saarbrucken-Homburg-Q-7186. OBSERVATIONS: 3 camouflaged MT stationary at Q-7487. 10-15 flat cars loaded with 1 tank on each car on siding at Q-7186 (F/B's hit target). 8 half tracks at edge of woods in vicinity of Q-7284. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-accurate at Q-7186. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Homburg. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1335-1445. WEATHER: 10/10 3-5000'..vis. 3 miles.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Q-7186. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3747, TR/15/13/9.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1415-1615. To recce Strassbourg-Offenburg-Freiburg-Colmar area. OBSERVATIONS: Offenburg M/Y 3/4 filled with boxcars, flat cars, and passenger cars. 2 MT mvg. SW at W-135813. 2 MT mvg. North W-0873. 4 MT mvg. NW out of Gengenbach. 50 plus boxcars at W-0772, and 50 at W-1172. 2 MT mvg. north W-0873. 3 MT mvg. north at Mahlberg. 1 train with 30 cars, stationary facing NW, with engine destroyed by F/B's in Freiberg M/YLarge fire in yards. 11 smoke pots on west bank of Rhine in a 3/4 mile stretch running south of Neu Breisach. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate at Freiburg. Light-scant-inaccurate at W-2575. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Goood. TIME OVER AREA: 1440-1550. WEATHER: 10/10 4000'..vis. good.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Offenburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3748, PR-95/TR/12/13/6.

A. 2 F6 O's from 1520-1735. To recce and photo in Q-4091-Mannheim-Karlsruhe-Heidelberg. 1 train mvg. SE between Schifferstadt and Speyer. 2 trains mvg. NW between Heidelberg and 2 trains mvg. SE into Heidelberg. 1 train mvg. SE into Bruchsal. 1 train mvg. NW at R-3950. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Area Q-4091; 125 RR cars scattered in M/Y..mostly intact. Main lines appear to have been cleared, except near main loading point. Some debris still covering rails. No large craters present. 2 large storage sheds badly damaged. Many small bldgs. badly damaged. Main roads appear clear east end of M/Y. Two 3 gun batteries (L) appears to be unoccupied. 3 large incomplete bldgs. 2 large bldgs damaged. Material stacked. ~~XXXXX~~ RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1555-1720. WEATHER: 10/10 3000'-4500'.

B. (i) 2 F6 O's. (ii) 2 attacking Q-4091-Heidelberg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ 1610-1720. To recce Saarbrucken-Zweibrucken-Zweibrucken-Saarbrucken-Neunkirchen-Homburg-Zweibrucken-Saargemund area.

OPERATIONS NO. 3749, TR/23/13/13.

A. 2 F6 O's from 1610-1720. To recce Saarbrucken-Neuenkirchen-Homburg-Zweibrucken-Saargemund area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north Q-5965. Zweibrucken M/Y about 1/3 filled with boxcars. About 30 troops marching NE Q-7384. 1 large MT with trailer mvg. south Q-7086. 4 MT mvg. west Q-6797. 1 train with 20 plus cars mvg. west into Neuenkirchen. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at Homburg. Light-intense-inaccurate at Q-5515. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1625-1705. WEATHER: 10/10 3-5000' Saar basin. Vis. good.

B. (i) 2 F6 O's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Saargemund. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 mins. E. 2 00 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).

F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
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13 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 151 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 13 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 406 TR/1/13/14

A. 2 F6C's from 0745-1015. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: RR bridges at R3502 appears serviceable. Supply dumps with approximately 150 boxes 6-8 feet square R3729, called to Baggage. M/Y Offenburg 1/4 full, 4 locos working, 1 train 30 box cars Stat, S/U facing S,(called to Baggage) 1 train 50 plus box cars moving E R7149, called to Baggage. M/Y Bruchsal 1/2 full, 1 loco working, called to Pelican. 1 train 50 plus box cars moving S R5768. 75 to 100 MT, scattered, moving in all directions in area bounded by Karlsruhe, Mannheim, Mosbach, and Heilbronn. Train 35 box cars moving S out of Lauterburg, called to controller. 1 train 40 box cars moving N into Heidelberg. 1 train 3 cars moving E R8057. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L from Hagenau to Bushcweiler. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0800-1000. WEATHER: 10/10 5000-6500 Karlsruhe to 20 miles S of Strasbourg. 3/10 6000 Freiburg area.
B. 2 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #1. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 5.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 300 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 407 TR/7/13/17

A. 2 F6D's from 0750-1015. To recce in Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 1/3 full, 1 Red Cross train approximately 50 cars stat. M/Y S Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, 3 engines working in yard, called to controller. 6 fires on Autoban at R-0596. 10 coal cars on siding at M0510. M/Y at M0835 1/2 full, 1 train 50 box cars S/U stat, pointingS. RR bridge at Bad Kreusnach appears serv. M/Y at Alzey M2738, 3 trains approximately 20 box cars each stat. S/U, 2 headed N, 1 headed S. Called to controller. 1 train 6 empty flat cars at M2020 headed E. 1 train approximately 70 box cars headed W at M-2516. M/Y Neustadt 1/2 full NMS. M/Y Landau 1/2 full NMS. M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full, 1 loco S/U working in yard. Supply dump at W0874 hit by F/B's, no results seen. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H Weibenburg. PHOTOS: Vertical of supply dump W0874 - 4000 feet - 300° - 0920 hours, vertical of supply dump W0874 - 3500 feet 310° - 0940 BDA. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0805-0950. WEATHER: 10/10 2500-4000 (base) top unknown entire area. 3/10-7/10 base 1500 top 4000.
B. 2 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #3. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.50 hr s. G. Nil.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 360 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 408 TR/16/13/20

A. 2 F6C's from 0750-0950. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 2 barges 60 feet long each Stat in cove at R0600. Fortifications resembling square buildings at regular 100 yard interval extending from Kehl N for 20 miles on E bank Rhine. 1 barge 60 feet long Stat R2020. 10 MT moving S R2125, called to Controller. 4 MT moving S R2429, called to Controller. Dump with large boxes R1224. Dump in woods clearing R2032. 1 train 30 box cars Stat S/U facing N R3342, called to Controller. 1 loco Stat S/U facing NE R2451. 12 MT moving N Q8836, called to Controller. 4 MT moving SW, 4 MT moving NW Q8036. 40 box cars on siding R1038. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-L R1821, S-A-L R1548. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0810-0930. WEATHER: CAVU below 4500, 10/10 above 4500 Hagenau area, 9/10 base 2500 Karlsruhe area.
B. 2 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 80 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 409 TR/24/13/24

A. 2 F6D's from 0745-0945. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Train 30 plus box cars Stat S/U facing S in Homburg M/Y, M/Y 1/4 full, called to Controller. M/Y W edge Kaiserslautern 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y S edge Kaiserslautern 1/4 full, 3 locos working. M/Y Landau 1/5 full, 1 train 20 cars including 5 empty flat cars Stat S/U facing W, and 2 locos working, in M/Y. 2 trains 30 box cars Stat S/U facing BW R3972, called to Controller. M/Y Neustadt 1/2 full, NMS. 1 train 10 flat cars with M/T and 10 box cars Stat S/U facing W R4186, called to Controller. 2 trains 30 box cars each facing E Stat R3886 and R3385, called to Controller. 20 flat cars half of them loaded with M/T, and 30 box cars being loaded or unloaded R2954, could not reach Controller. M/Y Wissembourg empty. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L Neustadt, R2954, and R3972. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Transmitter out. TIME OVER AREA: 0802-0928. WEATHER: 10/10 base 4300, 7/10-10/10 base 2000.
B. 2 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 100 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 410 TR/17/13/21

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 0900-1045. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0920-1030. WEATHER: Hagenau area 10/10 base 4500 top unknown. Pirmasens area 8/10-10/10 top 2000 another layer base 4500, with clouds between.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3.30 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 411 TR/2/13/15

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1030-1240. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045-1150. WEATHER: 10/10 base 2500-5000 tops 4500-5500 entire area.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #1. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.20 hrs. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 412 TR/25/13/25

A. 2 F6C's from 1005-1220. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Wissembourg almost empty, NMS. 6 scattered M/T moving NW into Pirmasens. M/Y Zweibrucken 3/4 full, NMS. 2 large concrete dugouts and several smaller fortifications Q921655. Approximately 250 cars mostly box cars on RR between Zweibrucken and Hornbach. 1 train, 20 plus box cars, moving NW out of Zweibrucken. M/Y W Kaiserslautern heavily damaged on W end, M/Y about 1/4 full, 1 train 50 box cars moving W. Appr oximately 8 scattered MT moving BW on autobahn W of Kaiserslautern. 1 small MT pulling gun moving NW R060875. Loco and 15 hospital cars sticking out of tunnel Stat S/U facing S R120975. Rail cut by 2 direct hits R4287. 2 small MT moving E into Landau. M/Y Landau 1/2 full, 1 loco Stat S/U. 7 sections of pontoon bridge in estuary R4859. RR and HWY bridge Pfortz R4149 serviceable. 1 train 50 box cars moving N R395555. Jeep with white insignia on hood R125340.
ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L Hagenau woods. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030-1150. WEATHER: 10/10 base 4300 Rhine valley.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4.30 hrs. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 120 rds. (iii) Nil. H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 413 RD/R/28/13/28

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1030-1315. RD/R in Zweibrucken Area. ARTY/R: Target roundhouse and turn table Q72927146. Contacted Btry 1135. Took 45 minutes to contact Btry. Btry reception fluctuated from loud and clear to poor. Pilot's radio was good. Btry was not ready to fire, flight had to wait 6 to 8 minutes for Btry. ROUNDS:

(1) Deflection correct drop 700 (air burst 800 feet high).
(2) Believed to have been dud, did not see round explode.
(3) Hit building 600 yards SE of T/G.
(4) Left 200 add 400. Hit building 600 yards N of T/G causing fire.
(5) Deflection correct drop 400. Hit track cutting track.
(6) Deflection correct drop 50. Hit 50 yards short of RR track and hit building 50 yards N of T/G. Yellow smoke came out of building.
(7) Deflection correct drop 50. Hit in same place as round 6.
(8) Deflection correct drop 50. Hit between 2 locos S/U. Smoke and fire poured from locos. Pilot believes 2 locos destroyed.
(9) Range correct right 20 yards. Hit SW corner of roundhouse.
(10) Believed to have been dud, did not see round explode.
(11) 40 yards right range correct. Hit among locos.
(12) 50 yards right range correct. Round not observed. Pilot down to 2000 feet indicated. Pilot told Btry flight was returning to base.

ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L and M-I-H Q7171. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050-1300. WEATHER: 7/10-10/10 2000 another layer 10/10 4000 T/G area.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking T/G area. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 5.30 hr s.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 414 TR/8/13/18

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6D from 1200-1350. To recce in Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 30 plus box cars Stat S/U facing S on N side Homburg, called to Baggage, strafed by 47's. 1 loco moving N out of Homburg. 1 train 30 plus box cars moving W out of Kaiserslautern, called to Baggage. 1 train 30 plus box cars moving E out of Kaiserslautern. 1 train Stat S/U in M/Y S Kaiserslautern. NMS Kaiserslautern to Bad Kreuznach. 100 plus box cars on track S of Bad Kreuznach. M/Y Bad Kreuznach 1/2 full NMS. 5 or 6 groups of approximately 20 box cars each strung between Bad Kreuznach and Bingen. 1 MT moving N out of Alzey. M/Y Alzey almost empty, NMS. M/Y Grunstadt 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y Neustadt 1/3 full, 2 locos working. A/D at Speyerdorf unserviceable, no a/c visible. 3 HDT moving W into Neustadt. 5 MT moving W into Neustadt. 1 HDT and 2 MT moving N into Landau. 1 train 15 black cars moving N R2551. Trees felled across HWY between R0529 and R0630. 2 small fires in Hagenau. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L Kaiserslautern, I-A-L Neustadt. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1245-1330. WEATHER: 10/10 base 3000.

B. 1 F6B & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #3. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.40 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal (II-III) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 415 TR/18/13/22

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1245-1455. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1305-1430. WEATHER: 10/10 base 2500-3000 top 6000, breaking up.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4.20 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 416 TR/3/13/16

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1330-1445. To recce in Route #1. OBSERVATIONS: Sweibrucken M/Y empty NMS. 30 box cars Q6477. Homburg M/Y 1/3 full NMS. M/Y SW Kaiserslautern 3/4 full box cars NMS. 1 MT moving E 19432. Bad Kreuznach M/Y 1/3 full, no activity. Neustadt M/Y empty NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L R1748. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1400. WEATHER: 10/10 base 3500-4000, top 6000 feet.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #1. (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2.30 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 417 TR/26/13/26

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1440-1520. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Mechanical failure. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1455-1500. WEATHER: 9/10-10/10 base 3500 top 4000.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 1.20 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 418 TR/9/13/19

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1520-1700. To recce in Route #3. OBSERVATIONS: 20 scattered M/T B/W between Homburg and Kaiserslautern. M/Y Kaiserslautern (West Side) 1/3 full box cars with 1 loco moving SW. M/Y Kaiserslautern (South Side) 1/3 full with 1 loco, S/U, Stat, facing SW. 2 buildings burning in Rockenhausen (M-0614.) M/Y at Bad Kreuznach (North Side) heavily damaged, some tracks gone, but is still serv.,--1 loco working. M/Y Bad Kreuznach (North East Side) 50 mixed cars, NMS. Large fire in Grunstadt (M-3108). RR building burning in M/Y at Landau, 1/3 full with 1 loco, Stat, S/U, facing South. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1535-1640. WEATHER: 10/10 2500-3500 base--4000-5000 tops.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #3. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.20 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal (ii) 300 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 419 TR/19/13/23

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1530-1715. To recce in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-L R1030. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1650. WEATHER: 9/10-10/10 base 2500-3500 top 4500-5500.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.30 hrs.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 420 TR/27/13/27

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1620-1750. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Kaiserslautern to Q-9493 approximately 1500 box cars in groups of 30 cars each. (Includes M/Y at Kaiserslautern which is 2/3 full with no activity.) 20 box cars at Q-9998. RR track cut at M-2703--3 box cars destroyed. 1 train number of cars unknown moving SW at R-2736. 1 train number of cars unknown moving S at R2431. 2 M/T moving North at R-0730. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-I-L at R-3346; I-A-L at Selz; M-A-L at R-1927; and S-A-L at R-3130. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1640-1735. WEATHER: 8-9/10 base 2500-3000 over entire area.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3.00 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 319 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 February 1945

MISSION U. S. - 34/3366 - (34)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1345A to 1625A. To photo target: Mengen Area, A/F, Schussenreid A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, Lautingen M/Y, Laufen M/Y, RR/Stations Sidings M/Y at Killer, and Area Cover: X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: All targets covered by 10/10ths stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (Capt Garland A. York, Capt.,) Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st. Lt.) - Cover Pilot.

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: Mengen A/F, Schussenreid A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, Lautingen M/Y, Laufen M/Y, RR/Stations siding M/Y at Killer, and Area Cover - X-1045 to X-1545 to X-1551. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) All targets covered 10/10ths by stratus - no photographs taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil
(viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 40 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 319 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3370 - (33)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1345A to 1545A. To photo target: Donau/Eschingen A/F, M/Y at Tuttlingen, RR/Line from W-714466 to W-755414, Neuhausen A/D, Neuhausen A/F, RR/Station and Yards at Radofzell, RR/Stations and Yard at Uberlingen. OBSERVATIONS: Nil
ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS:
Donau/Eschingen A/F - W-574269, RR/Line - W-714466 to W-755414, Neuhausen A/D - W-885314, Neuhausen A/F - W-875314 , RR/Stations and Yards at Radofzell - W-930047, RR/Stations and Yards at Uberlingen X-070067, Freiburg A/F W-077348.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415A to 1450A.
WEATHER: 3/10ths clouds in area.
Mission partially successful. (James F. Frakes, Major.)
Cover Pilot - Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E's. (ii) 2 attacking target: Donau/ Eschingen A/F, M/Y at Tuttlingen, RR/Line from W-714466 to W-755414, Neuhausen A/D, Neuhausen A/F, RR/Station and Yards at Radofzell, RR/Stations and Yards at Uberlingen. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil
(v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 2 hrs. G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 319 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3374 - (32)

A. 2 F-5E's, from 1400A to 1525A. To photo Target: M/Y at Appenwier, M/Y at Larr, M/Y at Kensignen, RR/Line between Sasbach and Kondringen and Freiburg A/F, OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: All targets covered by 10/10ths high stratus and cumulus. Mission unsuccessful. (James E. McCommon, 1st. Lt.) Cover Pilot:- Mission successful. (Lawton C. McGlothlin, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: M/Y at Appenwier, M/Y at Larr, M/Y at Kensignen, RR/Line between Sasbach and Kondringen and Freiburg A/F. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) All targets covered 10/10ths by high stratus and cumulus - no photographs taken.
(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 25 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3375 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1345A to 1535A. To photo target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good, TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Target Area covered 10/10ths by Stratus. Mission unsuccessful. (Wallace C. Bosworth, Capt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii) Abortive Sortie: (a) Target Area covered by 10/10ths Strato - cumulus - no photographs taken.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil
(viii) 1

C. Nil F. Nil
D. 1 hr 50 minutes G. Nil
E. Nil H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 319 for 24 hours ending sunset
13 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3376 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1335A to 1550A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9864 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block: Q-3784 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1405A - 1430A. WEATHER: Assigned Target Area covered with 10/10ths stratus. Mission partially successful.. (Lawrence E. Schmidt., 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7364 to Q-9864 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374.

Ref: 2/13/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 547 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 13 February 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SS)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
15 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 279.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 279 for 24 hours ending sunset 14 February 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1457 hours, 14 February 1945, Capt. Lamour leading. 10 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. Escort mission was uneventful. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at R-3843. Time down at A-96, 1658 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on an Escort mission from A-96 at 1407 hours, 14 February 1945, Capt. Reese leading. 16 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft aborted. 16 x 500 lb. bombs were carried and jettisoned in an open field at R-630950 because no target was available. Escort mission was uneventful. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered over Homburg. Time down at A-96, 1605 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0750 hours, 14 February 1945, Capt. Reese leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 lb. bombs on a M/Y at Bruschal. The M/Y was damaged, 2 buildings destroyed, 1 RR car destroyed, 5 RR cars damaged. 6 x 460 lb. I-17 bombs were dropped on the west side of Bruschal starting many fires. 1 locomotive destroyed and 15 RR cars damaged by strafing at R-621586. 1 locomotive destroyed, 10 passenger cars damaged by strafing at R-682582. 1 locomotive and 10 RR cars destroyed at R-603403 by strafing. 3 RR cars damaged at R-608908. 1 locomotive destroyed, 4 passenger cars damaged by strafing at R-627470. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at R-673772. M/Y and 5 RR cars were damaged. 3 RR passenger cars damaged at R-560617. 1 M/Y damaged at R-531796. 1 locomotive, 5 RR cars damaged at R-646717. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-605512, R-564665. Time down at A-96, 1004 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0802 hours, 14 February 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading. 14 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb., 8 x 460 lb. incendiary I-17 bombs on a M/Y at Hochspeyer. 3 direct hits damaged the M/Y, destroyed 7 buildings, damaged 1 locomotive, destroyed 20 RR cars, damaged 50 RR cars. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered over target. Time down at A-96, 0943 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0813 hours, 14 February 1945, Lt. Huttenberger leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb., 8 x 460 lb. I-17 incendiary bombs on a M/Y at R-635407. 1 locomotive, 30 RR cars were destroyed, 2 railcuts, 4 bombs fell in a near town and destroyed 4 buildings. 8 x 460lb. I-17 bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Bilfingen. 60 RR cars were destroyed. 1 locomotive was strafed and xxxxxx destroyed at R-660675. 1 x 500 lb. bomb was jettisoned at R-2657. Scant, accurate, heavy flak encountered at R-2540. Time down at A-96, 1017 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1110 hours, 14 February 1945, Major Riggin leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a Supply Dump at R-317475, destroying 7 buildings and damaging 4. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a locomotive, 9 passenger cars at R-603606. 1 locomotive was destroyed and 9 passenger cars were damaged, railcut was scored. 8 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Bruschal, M/Y was damaged, 1 locomotive destroyed, 6 buildings destroyed, 1 locomotive and 25 plus RR cars damaged, 1 locomotive destroyed, 15 RR cars damaged, 2 locomotives were damaged by strafing. 1 locomotive destroyed, 9 RR cars damaged at R-606565. 7 locomotives damaged by strafing at R-620581. 20 plus vehicles strafed and damaged at R-610610. 1 large M/T and trailer strafed and destroyed at R-609622. 1 M/T strafed and destroyed at R-609636. 1 H/D vehicle strafed and destroyed at R-620556. Scant, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-654628. Time down at A-96, 1306 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1051 hours, 14 February 1945, Capt. Munson leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb., and 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a M/Y at Neustadt. 4 buildings destroyed, 5 box cars destroyed, 20 box cars damaged. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Neustadt. Time down at A-96, 1221 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1138 hours, 14 February 1945, Lt. Rathbone leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 9 x 500 lb. bombs on a M/Y at R-037543, M/Y was damaged, 1 ammunition car, 3 box cars were also damaged. 2 x 500 lb. bombs were dropped on a choke point in M/Y, 1 railcut was scored. 5 x 500 lb. bombs, 8 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped on the town of Lauffen. Huge fires were produced and 15 buildings destroyed. Squadron strafed Altenheim, 20 buildings were damaged. Squadron strafed a barge on the Rhine with unobserved results. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1337 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 1650 hours, 14 February 1945, Lt. Center leading. 15 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb., 6 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs on a M/Y at R-6359, 6 direct hits were scored starting many large fires. 4 x 460 lb. M-17 bombs were dropped at R-610610, 3 M/T's were destroyed. 2 M/T's were strafed and destroyed at R-614618. 1 M/T strafed and damaged at R-597605. 2 M/T's strafed and destroyed at R-608600. 4 buildings, 25 box cars destroyed at Bruschal M/Y. Moderate, inaccurate, light flak encountered at R-654628. Time down at A-96, 1844 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Fighter Sweep mission from A-96 at 1720 hours, 14 February 1945, Lt. Savides leading. 7 P47D's took off and completed mission. Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1816 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing and Fighter Mission from A-96 at 1520 hours, 14 February 1945, Lt. Col. Case leading. 20 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 lb. bombs on a locomotive with 12 box cars at X-2026, 1 locomotive and 12 cars were damaged, 3 railcuts were scored. 1 locomotive destroyed, 10 RR cars damaged at W-9577. 10 buildings were strafed and damaged at W-9880. No flak encountered. Time down 1754 hours.

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DIVE BOMBING

B. 1. 128 x P47D.
2. 128 completed mission.
3 thru 6, None.
7. 2 CAT I - Flak.
1 CAT II- Flak.
8. 128 sorties.

C. 1. 32 x 75 gallon tanks.
2. None.

D. 1. 248:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 243,200 x .50 cal.
2. 68,272.
3. None.

F. 1. 128 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
56 x 460 lb. M-17, Incendiary.
2. 127 x 500 lb.
56 x 460 lb.
3. 1 x 500 lb.
4. None.

G and H, None.

I. Other Claims. On Ground.
12 locomotives destroyed, 13 damaged.
151 RR cars dest. 194 damaged.
9 M/T's dest, 22 damaged.
7 railcuts.
1 round house destroyed.
5 M/V damaged.
1 H/D vehicle damaged.
49 Buildings destroyed, 33 dam.

For the Group Commander:

ESCORT

B. 1. 26 x P47D.
2. 24.
3. 2-C
1 radio out, 1 oil leak.
4 thru 7, None.
8. 24 sorties.

C. None.

D. 1. 48:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 49,000 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.

F. 1. 16 x 500 lb. G.P. Inst.
2. None.
3. 16.
4. None.

G, H, I, None.

FIGHTER SWEEP

B. 1. 7 x P47D.
2. 7.
3. None.
4 thru 7, None.
8. 7 sorties.

C. None.

D. 1. 7:00 x P47D.
2. None.

E. 1. 13,300 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.

F, G, H, I, None.

[signature]
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY FIRST FIGHTER GROUP
A.P.O. 374
U. S. Army

16 February 1945.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, A.P.O. 374, U.S. Army, Attn: Statistical Officer.

From: 371st Fighter Group, Statistical Officer, Y-1.

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Oprep A No. 207 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 47 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Lt. Col. Delaney, took off at 0745 to perform an armed recce in areas of Zweibrusken, Hombourg, Kaiserlautern, Neustadt, Lanterbourg and Selts. Sq. contacted "Pelican" who assigned a M/Y at Q-9373. 16 x 500 and 8 x 75 Cal. BB dropped with 23 hits in M/Y. 1 loco dest. but no other results observed due to battle smoke and haze. M/Y damaged. "Brutus Red" directed Sq. to a passenger train at Q-8974 moving W - 1 loco and 30 cars - made 3 strafing passes, dam. 1 loco and 30 cars. Flak was encountered at Q-9373 - moderate, inaccurate and light Weather was CAVU except haze in target area. T.O.T. 0825 T.D. 0910.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 21:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 14,880 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16x500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 8 x 75 Cal DB.
(ii) 16x 500 " " " " " 8 x 75 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 3. (A) 1
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Oprep A No. 208 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 50. XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Capt. Holderness, took off at 0745 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" or to hit supply dump at Q-498833. "Halfbake" assigned Command Post at Q-835473. 14 x 500 and 8 x 75 Cal. BB on 9 bldgs. 5 hits dest. 2 bldgs. and damaged 4, started 1 small fire. Roadblock at Q-887472. Sq. strafed 1 loco and 10 passenger cars headed S at R-3085, loco and 10 passenger cars damaged. Strafed at R-2975 - 1 M/T dam, at R-2574 - 1 M/T dam; at R-2772 - 1 M/T dam; at R-3266 - 6 horse drawn vehicles dam; at R-3859 1 tractor and 12 ton trailer loaded with crates dam; at R-2574 2 half tracks - 1 dest. 1 dam. Moderate accurate flak encountered at Q-8347. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 0830, T.D. 0950.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) (a), (b), and (c) NIL (d) 1-Other-A/C accident.
(iv) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "E" Other-engine cut out after T.O.
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 22:00 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 8,080 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 14 x 500 RDX Instant. 8 x 75 Cal. BB
(ii) 14 x 500 " " 8 x 75 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (C) 5
2. (A) - 2
(C) 1
3. (C) 1
4. (C) 10
9. (A) 2
(C) 4
10. (A) 1
13. (C) 6

Oprep A No. 209 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 51 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., took off at 0805, led by Lt. Siegrist on an armed recce in the Zweibrucken, Homburg, Kaiserlautern, Neustadt, Lauterbourg and Selts. "Baggage" had no target. Sq. was unable to contact "Halfbake". 16 x 500 and 8 x 75 Gal BB. on fuel dump at Q-787992. 3 direct hits but no un-

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A. usual explosions observed. 4 hits in town at Q-788987, 6 bldgs dest. 3 hits on RR tracks at Q-7999, 3 rail cuts. 5 x 75 Cal BB started fires in woods. Sq. observed Y/Y at Kaiserlantern was jammed full with box-cars. No flak encountered. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 0832. T.D. 0929.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. (i) 3 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3-- 75 " " "

D. (i) 18:15 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 460 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 tail, 8 x 75 Gal BB.
(ii) 16 x 500 " " " " " 8 x 75 " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 9. (x) 6; 11. (A) 3.

Oprep A No. 210 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 56 XIX TaC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 1038 on a close support show with "Halfbake" who assigned RR Bridge at R-228273. 17 x 500 on bridge with one hit on N end damaging bridge. 4 x 500 made 1 rail cut at R-225270. 4 x 500 missed rails at R-860340. Moderate inaccurate light flak encountered. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1130, T.D. 1206

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47 Cat "AC" (Flak) bellied in landing
(viii) 12

C. (i) 3 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 21:30 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,240 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,480 " " "
(iii) 2,520 " " "

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F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M103 nose, M101A2 tail, 1 x 500 GP same fuse.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (C) 1
11. (A) 1

Oprep A No. 211 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945,
Mission or Operation No. 52 XII TAC.

A. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Flaitz, took off at 1032 on an armed recce in the areas of Zweibrucken, Homburg, Kaiserlantern, Neustadt, Landerbourg and Selts. Sq. contacted "Baggage" who had no targets: "Halfbake" had no targets. 12 x 500 and 8 x 75 Gal BB on M/T dump at Q-628836 with 4 hits in Miltel Q-655884, destroying 4bldgs. 8 hits fell on target dest. 4 bldgs. Intense accurate light flak encountered at Q-628836. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1110-1135 T.D. 1201.

D. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 10 "
(iii) Nil
(iv) 1/4-47's - Other (unknown-see Par. G.)
(v) 1 " " " " " "
(vi) and (vii) NIL
(viii) 10

C. (i) 8 - 75 Gal U.S. Belly
(ii) 8 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 15:55 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,800 " " "
(iii) 4,000 " " "

F. (i) 16 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail, 8 x 75 Gal. BB.
(ii) 12 x 500 " " " " " 8 x 75 " "
(iii) Nil
(iv) 4 x 500 " " " " "

G. 1st Lt. Glenn H. Johnson 0-710000 A/C of one seen to explode and collided with
1st Lt. Darrel C. Shumard 0-689903 other A/C. Lt. Johnson bailed out, did not see grounding
Lt. Shumard was seen going down in gentle glide.

H. NIL

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Oprep A No. 212 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.

A. The 405th Squadron, led by Capt. Tait, took-off at 1105 to D/B a supply dump at Q-49833. 18 x 500 on supply dump at Q-498833. 10 direct hits destroyed 2 buildings, and damaged 3. 8 near misses. 2 x 500 on 6 industrial buildings, at Q-487832, destroyed 1 building and damaged 1. 2 x 500 destroyed 2 houses 1 mile NW of target. Squadron strafed at Q-7391 1 M/T headed E destroyed. at Q-7288 - 1 M/T headed E damaged. Moderate accurate light flak encountered at Q-7391. 4/10 clouds at 3,000' in target area. T.O.T. 1125, T.D. 1245.

B. (i) 11 P-47's.
(ii) 11 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 11

C. (i) to (ii) NIL.

D. (i) 19:15 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 27,500 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,360 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 22 x 500 RDX, Instant.
(ii) 22 x 500 RDX, Instant.
(iii) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. 1. (a) 1
(c) 1
9 (a) 5
(c) 4

Oprep A No. 213 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.

A. The 406th Squadron led by Capt. Beles, took-off at 1319 to escort P-26's to Lebach Q-4090 and Lahr W-1072. Squadron R/V with 27 P-26's at Luneville 1340 at 10,000'. Escorted to Lebach and Lahr as briefed uneventfully. Bombing appeared accurate at both targets. Left section that bombed Lebach at Dijon. Left section that bombed Lahr at Vosages mountains. At Lahr, meager, inaccurate heavy flak encountered. 2/10 clouds at 4,000'. T.O.T. 1410-1430, T.D. 1509.

B. (i) 16 P-47's.
(ii) 16 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 16.

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C. (i) 3 x 75 Gallon, U.S. Belly.
(ii) 3 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 32:15 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 40,380 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) to (iii) NIL.

F. (i) to (iv) NIL.

G. NIL.

H. NIL.

I. NIL.

Oprep A No. 214 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.

A. The 404th Squadron, led by Lt. Lyons,, took-off at 1329 to perform an armed recce in the areas of Zweibrucken, Homburg, Kaiserlautern, Neustadt, Lauterbourg and Selts. Squadron contacted "Halfbake" who assigned M/Y at Homburg at Q-685799. 16 x 500 and 8 x 75 BB destroyed 10 boxcars. M/Y heavily damaged, previously - no activity. 1 M/Y damaged. Meager inaccurate light flak encountered at Q-685799. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1410-1445, T.D. 1522.

B. (i) 12 P-47's.
(ii) 12 P-47's.
(iii) to (vii) NIL.
(viii) 12.

C. (i) 2 x 75 Gallon, U.S. Belly.
(ii) 2 x 75 " " " " .

D. (i) 24:55 hours.
(ii) Nil.

E. (i) 24,000 rounds, .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,200 " " " .
(iii) Nil.

F. (i) 18 x 500 G.P., 1/10 Nose, .025 Tail.
6 x 75 SB.
(ii) 18 x 500 C.P., " " " " .
6 x 75 SB.
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. Nil

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Mission or Operation No. 56 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Wheeler, took off at 1343 on a close support mission with "Baggage" or to hit alternate target, ammo factory at R-393551. Sq. contacted "Pelican" who assigned troop concentration at Altheim Q-6964. 16 x 500 with 14 direct hits on town dest. 5 and dam 5 bldgs. 6 Napalm and 2 x 500 on New Altheim Q-6763 dest. 3 Bldg. and dam. 2 strafed at R-2264- 1 staff car dest. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1410, T.D. 1540.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vi) NIL
(vii) 1 P-47's Cat "AC" Flak.
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 24:00 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 5,040 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 18 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 tail, 6 x 75 Cal SB
(ii) 18 x 500 " " " " " " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 1. (A) 1
9. (A) 8
(C) 7
16. --- 1

Oprep A No. 216 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 57 XII TAC.

A.. The 404th Sq., led by Lt. Penne, took off at 1623 on an armed recce in the areas of Zweibrucken, Homburg, Kaiserlautern, Neustadt, Landerbourg and Selts or to hit alternate target, barracks area at R-236536. Sq. attacked alternate target, barracks area R-236536. 16 x 500 and 6 Napalm on target, 4 x 500 direct hits on bldgs., NRO. 12 x 500 in area and town dest 4 bldgs. Strafed barracks aree in town , fires started. Recce area 2, NRO. Intense accurate light flak encountered at R-236536. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1655-1715, T.D. 1738.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 11 "

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B. (iii) (a), (b), (d) NIL; (c) 1 Bomb release Mech- bombs hung unable to release manually or electrically.
(iv) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. (i) 1 - 75 Gal. U.S. Belly.
(ii) 1 - 75 " " "

D. (i) 19:35 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 24,000 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3,700 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 16 x 500 GP 1/10 nose, .025 tail 8 x 75 Gal BB
(ii) 16 x 500 " " " " " 6 x 75 " "
(iii) 2 x 75 " "
(iv) Nil

G. and H. NIL

I. (9 (A) 4)

Oprep A No. 217 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945, Mission or Operation No. 58 XII TAC.

A. The 405th Sq., led by Capt. Tait, took off at 1637 on a close support mission with "Halfbake" at Saverne, or to hit alternate target, a tank repair depot at R-429324. Sq. did not contact "Halfbake", went on to bomb alternate target, the tank repair depot at R-429324. 17 x 500 on target. 12 x 500 direct hits left area burning and covered with black smoke, one large explosion seen; 6 bldgs. dest. 4 dam. 2 x 500 on Schielberg R-5328, dam 2 bldgs; 1 x 500 on Oss R-3122, dam. 1 bldg; 2 x 500 on RR tracks at W-2199, made 1 rail cut. Meager inaccurate heavy and light flak encountered at R-2522, and R-3122. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1720, T.D. 1806.

B. (i) 11 P-47's
(ii) 11 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 11

C. NIL

D. (i) 17:35 hours
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 27,500 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 1,500 " " "
(iii) Nil

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F. (i) 22 x 500 G.P. 1/10 nose, .025 tail.
(ii) 22 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

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(C) 7

Oprep A No. 218 for 24 hours ending Sunset 14 February 1945.
Mission or Operation No. 69 XII TAC.

A. The 406th Sq., led by Maj. Daniels, took off at 1614 on an armed recce in areas of Zweibrucken, Homburg, Kaiserlautern, Neustadt, Lauterbourg, and Selts or to hit alternate target, a supply and ammo dump at R-381502. 8 x 500 in village of Worth at R-386505 started fires and left town burning. 12 x 500 on supply and ammo dump at R-381502, NRO. 2 x 500 on highway bridge over RR at R-387501, bridge dest. 1 x 500 on R/J a t R-385502 - 1 road block 1 x 500 on town at R-335535, fires started. Heavy and light flak encountered at R-361501. Weather was CAVU. T.O.T. 1650, T.D. 1728.

B. (i) 12 P-47's
(ii) 12 "
(iii) to (vii) NIL
(viii) 12

C. NIL

D. (i) 19:15 hours.
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 30,340 rds. .50 Cal.
(ii) 3, 564 " " "
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 x 500 RDX M101A2 tail M103 nose.
(ii) 24 x 500 " " " " "
(iii) and (iv) NIL

G. and H. NIL

I. 5. (A) 1
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For the Commanding Officer:

RAYMOND K. LONG,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
14 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 14 February 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2674

16 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0730 down at 0930, target, train at R-598428. T.O.T. 0800, bomb run to 1500', 6 misses. Strafed & fired 9 rockets, 2 passenger cars damaged, loco destroyed. 3 A/C strafed & fired 8 rockets at train at R-538545, 3 boxcars damaged, strafed 6 boxcars at R-485540 among buildings, 1 rocket fired here, 1 building destroyed & 2 boxcars damaged. Bombed train at R-578453, 2 hits W. & 3 hits in buildings to E., 2 hits on rails, 2 hits NE into buildings, results 2 buildings destroyed, 1 rail cut. Strafed train at R-603403, 1 loco &1 passenger car damaged. Strafed train at R-723456, loco & 3 passenger cars damaged, bombed train at R-725502. T.O.T. 0815, bomb run to 1500', 9 hits S. of train & 2 near misses, damaged 2 boxcars, strafed same train, 2 locos & 10 boxcars damaged. Strafed train at R-863710, loco & 5 boxcars damaged, strafed loco at R-844723, loco damaged. Strafed another loco at approx. same place, loco damaged. Strafed Gondola cars at R-850700, all 5 damaged. Strafed loco at R-800575, damaged same. Strafed train at R-900627, loco & 2 passenger cars damaged. Scant HAA at Seltz. Weather CAVU. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned bombs at Q-3812. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 100 lb Phos. 18 rockets.

Mission 2675

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0745 down at 0945, target, Fuel dump at Q-543739. T.O.T. 0825, bomb run to deck, 6 hits in buildings in target area, 2 hits in area. 2 hugh fires started, 2 buildings destroyed. 4 A/C bombed Homburg M/Y at Q-702803. T.O.T. & bomb run same as first 4 A/C. 1 hit on loco, loco damaged, 1 hit on factory, damaged same, 2 hits unobserved, 6 hits E. 5 hits M, 2 hit factory at Q-711828, 1 building destroyed, 2 near misses on cars. 3 boxcars damaged, 6 hits scattered in yds, no claims. Strafed train at Q-720822, loco damaged. 1 M/G post destroyed, 2 boxcars damaged. Strafed M/Y at Q-6880, 2 locos & 10 boxcars damaged, strafed train at Q-678819, loco & 10 cars damaged. Strafed train at Q-632832, loco & 6 boxcars damaged. 1 x 500 lb & 1 x 100 lb bombs aimed at train just W. of above pinpoint, 100 pounder into town at Q-652831, starting small fire, 1 x 500, no damage. Flight strafed train damaging loco & 4 passenger cars, strafed train at Q-617840, loco & 5 gondola cars damaged. Strafed train at Q-630834, loco & 5 boxcars damaged. Moderate LAA at Hombourg. Weather CAVU. 3 A/C damaged, flak, 2 Cat. #1, 1 Cat. #2. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 11 x 100 lb Phos. 8 x 750 lb Napalm.

Mission 2676

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0805 down at 1000, target, town of Donsieders at Q-934738. T.O.T 0840, bomb run to 2000'. 14 hits in town, 4 fires started & 10 buildings destroyed. 1 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-905735, 2 hits in yds, 2 boxcars destroyed, 1 rail cut. 4 A/C hit factory at same point. T.O.T. 0855, bomb run to 2000', 5 hits on factory, 4 hits in M/Y, 1 building damaged. Flight strafed M/Y, 2 locos & 20 boxcars damaged. 10 MT on flat cars also damaged. Flight recced route #2, strafed train at R-3652, loco & 2 cars damaged. Strafed 2 MT at R-355528, destroyed 1 & damaged 1. Strafed small M/Y at R-379464, 1 loco destroyed, exploded, 2 boxcars damaged. Intense LAA at R-379464 also Q-905735. Weather CAVU. 8/10ths to 9/10ths at 7000' E. of Rhine. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 1 x 100 lb Phos., 6 x 750 lb Napalm.

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Mission 2677

15 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1025 down at 1225, target 5 locos & boxcars at Q-655831. T.O.T. 1110, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits in buildings, 2 hits on rails, 3 buildings destroyed, 1 rail cut. 4 A/C bombed loco & boxcars at Q-652832, 9 hits S. of train, flight strafed trains, 3 locos & 2 boxcars damaged, flight fired 19 rockets at Q-652832, 2 rail cuts, 2 buildings damaged. 2 rockets were jettisoned with tubes here, malfunction. 4 A/C bombed M/Y at Q-638828, 9 hits in yds., 10 boxcars damaged, 3 hits S. of yds., no damage. 8 bombs jettisoned from level flight at Q-650850, bandit scare. Strafed between R-300786 & R-430797. 15 plus MT, 7 MT damaged. Strafededelectric loco & passenger cars at R-355782, loco destroyed, flamer, 3 cars damaged. Strafed & damaged 3 wooden tank cars at R-344787, strafed 5 metal tankcars at R-382770. 1 car destroyed, 4 damaged. Strafed 5 MT at 319740, 2 MT damaged. Strafed road from R-312780 to R-320750, no results observed. Scant inaccurate LAA & scant Accurate HAA at Q-655831, scant LAA & HAA at R-360780. Scant accurate HAA at R-230500. 2 P-47s seen to crash at approx. Q-610765. Not from this flight. Weather E. of Rhine 8/10ths 4000' to 5000'., W. of Rhine 3/10ths to 4/10ths, 4000' to 4500'. 3 A/C damaged Cat. #1.
Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb, 8 x 750 lb Napalm.

Mission 2678

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1050 down at 1300, target, M/Y at Q-6890. T.O.T. 1115, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits among cars. Destroyed 4 boxcars & damaged 2. 2 nearmisses on loco, 2 hits on tracks in M/Y, 2 hit among cars, causing explosion, destroyed 4 boxcars & damaged 4, 1 hit unobserved. 4 A/C bombed Kaiserlauten M/Y. T.O.T. 1130, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits destroyed 2 buildings W. end of yds, 2 fire bombs among buildings, non effective, 8 unobserved. Flight completed recce, route #1. 4 A/C bombed ammo dump at R-381502, bomb run to 1000'. T.O.T. 1145, 2 hits destroyed 2 buildings E. of target, 2 nearmisses on RR at R-364504, 8 hits E. of target, no damage. Strafed 10 passenger cars at R-170460, 3 damaged. Scant LAA at Wissembourg & R-380504, moderate LAA at Homburg. Weather, base to Bischweiller 3/10ths at 2000'. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1.
Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos., 4 x 750 lb Napalm.

Mission 2679

13 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1110 down at 1320. Recced route #1, no movement. 9 A/C bombed supply dump at Q-581745. T.O.T. 1220, bomb run to 1000', 2 hits NW corner of target, 6 hits in buildings in area, 2 misses. 9 buildings destroyed, 8 hits in town of Hassel, 2 fires started. 4 A/C bombed RR at Q-695706, 2 hits cut rails, 8 misses. T.O.T. 1255, bomb run to 1000'. Scant LAA at Homburg. Weather 4/10ths to 6/10ths, 2000' to 3000'.
Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos., 2 x 750 lb Napalm.

Mission 2680

16 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1330 down at 1530, target, Tank Repair depot at R-429324. T.O.T. 1430, bomb run to 3000', 5 rockets & 16 bombs among buildings. Destroyed 3 buildings & damaged3. 17 outside target area, 2 hits on RR at R-429324, 3 bombs dropped at R-345746, 3 bombs at Q-512662, no results observed. Scant HAA W. of Rastadt. Weather CAVU.
Bombs exp: 32 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos., 5 rockets.

Mission 2681

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1355 down at 1605, target, M/Y at Q-904735. T.O.T. 1430, bomb run to 1500', 6 hits E. of M/Y, 10 hits in M/Y, results unobserved, 4 hits on train in M/Y causing explosion. 8 tank cars destroyed, 2 hits on boxcars, 3 boxcars destroyed, 4 hits N. of yds & 4 unobserved. 1 x 100 dropped at L-5508, no results. Strafed train at this point, damaged 5 boxcars. Weather, 3/10ths base 5000' over entire route.
Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb Phos.

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Mission 2682

16 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1430 down at 1655, target, train at R-391560. T.O.T. 1540, bomb run to 500', 2 hits on loco, destroyed it, 8 hits on cars, 10 cars destroyed, strafed train, 10 cars damaged. 6 near misses on train, bombed boxcars at Q-787950. T.O.T. 1620, bomb run to 1000', 5 hits on rails, cut rails. 14 hits on either side of cars, 12 damaged. Scant HAA at Seltz. 1 A/C damaged, flak, Cat. #1. Weather, CAVU. Bombs exp: 32 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2683

2 P-47s of the 315th & 316th Fighter Squadrons on dive bombing mission up at 1435 down at 1630 , target RR bridge over Rhine at R-473690. T.O.T. 1540, bomb run to 2500', 2 hits on W. approach, possible damage to bridge, 4 hits E. of bridge. Strafed town of Germersheim. Scant inaccurate LAA & HAA at target. Weather, 2/10ths scattered S. of Strausbourg. Bombs exp: 4 x 500 lb GP, 2 x 100 lb Phos.

Mission 2684

16 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1810, target, train at W-822962, loaded with tanks & MT. T.O.T. 1650, bomb run to 1500'. 3 rockets & 1 bomb on loco, destroying it. 18 hits eitherside of train, 2 rockets hit & destroyed 2 boxcars & 2 MT. 5 MT & 3 tanks & 2 boxcars damaged by 13 rockets. 1 building also damaged. 2 A/C bombed M/Y at W-530000. 2 hits E. edge of M/Y, 2 hits in M/Y damaging tracks & 2 boxcars, 2 hits unobserved. 2 A/C bombed overpass at W-844942, 4 hit in town, 4 buildings destroyed & 2 damaged. 1 hit in town at 815988, no results observed. 4 A/C bombed RR between W-816950 and W-806920, 3 hits in town at W-806920, caused 6 bright green flashes, 2 buildings destroyed. 8 misses on rails. Scant inaccurate HAA at Seltz, intense accurate HAA at W-830000. Weather CAVU. Bombs exp: 32 x 500 lb GP, 9 x 100 lb Phos., 18 rockets.

Mission 2685

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1655 down at 1825. Recced Route #8, target train at Q-990935. T.O.T. 1720, bomb run to 1000', 5 misses N. of target. 2 Hits south of tracks, destroyed building. 2 hits among boxcars, destroying 5. 8 A/C bombed supply dump at R-3850. T.O.T. 1745, bomb run to 1000'. 8 hits in target area, 2 of which hit ammo dump at R-382501, causing terrific explosion, 14 bombs missed target. Intense LAA & mod. HAA at R-381502, scant small arms fire around Kaiserlauten, scant LAA at R-402482. Weather, hazy to 9000'. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 100 lb Phos.

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DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS 14 FEBRUARY 1945

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	(vii)	7	Flak, Cat. #1
		1	Flak, Cat. #2
	(viii)	153	
C	(i)	7	75 gal.
	(ii)	2	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	303:30	
Note 6 E	(i)	308,000	
	(ii)	74,430	
Note 7 F	(i)	272 x 500 lb GP	
		80 x 100 lb Phos	
		28 x 750 lb Napalm	
		81 Rockets	
	(ii)	264 x 500 lb GP	
		69 x 100 lb Phos.	
		28 x 750 lb Napalm	
		60 Rockets	
	(iii)	8 x 500 lb GP	
		3 x 100 lb Phos.	
		2 Rockets	
		(Returned 8 x 100 lb Phos. & 19 Rockets to base)	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	3	25
Tanks		3
Locos	5	25
RR cars	39	172
Gun positions	1	
RR bridge		1
Ammo Dump	1	
Supply Dump		1
Buildings	43	10
RR cuts complete	7	

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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16 February 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding General, 66th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 213 for the period ending Sunset 14 February 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,26 and 28.
Dive-bomb and Armed Reconnaissance Missions.

a. A.O.15 12 P-47s of 367th Sqdn dispatched at 0726 hours to dive-bomb target at R-357698 and to perform armed recce of Area No.3. Area recce included Wissembourg, Worms, Germ, Weinheim, Karlsruhe, but was not completed because sqdn had expended bomb load and ammunition on priority targets in Landau area. The A/C carried 34 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Wissembourg to Landau to Boenkoben to base. TOT: 0810-0900 hrs. 8 bombs on Landau L/Y-- 1 loco destroyed by direct hit, 1 bomb cut RR track at R-2865. In same area, 10 cars damaged by strafing. 3 bombs dropped at R-3065 and cut RR. 11 bombs on loco and 10 box cars (moving S.) at R-3071 -- loco destroyed by direct hit, 7 box cars destroyed, and RR cut. The remaining 3 cars were destroyed by strafing. One bomb on the loco and 12 cars, facing NE, at R-2968- no claim. 9 bombs on loco and 4 coaches, moving W, at R-235605 -- claim loco destroyed by direct hit, RR cut. 4 coaches were damaged by strafing. One bomb on loco and 25 cars, facing S, at R-3073 -- no claim. However, the loco and the 25 cars were damaged by strafing. Following claims result from starfing: 1 M/T destroyed at R-2463, facing N; 1 M/T, facing S., destroyed at R-2457; 1 M/T, facing E., destroyed at R-2166. One bomb returned to base, failure to release. Observations along route: 7 building (barracks type) at R-326688 -- seemed well protected by intense, accurate, light flak, when flight attempted to attack an M/T in that area 5 M/Ts, facing E, at R-2677, but sqdn did not attack as planes were circling for altitude to return to base. No E/A encountered: no losses. Weather CAVU. Down at base: 0921 hours.

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A.O.16 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0745 hours to conduct A/R of Area No.6. 11 A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs, and 1 A/C carried 2 x 500# GPs. Route flown was base to Bitche to Kaiserslautern to Worms to Mannheim to base. In target area, 0815-0930 hours. 12 bombs on M/Y at Hochspeyer, which contained 10 cars and 2 locos with steam up and headed west -- 2 hit s in yard; 2 locos, 3 cars and M/Y damaged by bombing and strafing. 11 bombs dropped on M/Y at M-2315, containing 50 cars and 1 loco with steam up headed west - 6 hits in yard, 1 loco and 15 cars destroyed, 30 cars damaged. 1 bomb dropped on M/Y at Grunstadt (M-3107), which contained 3 locos and 100 cars, one of the locos with steam up and headed south; yard was also strafed -- 1 loco destroyed, and 2 locos, 10 cars and yard damaged, and factory on edge of yard. 4 bombs dropped on train at M-4510 with steam up and headed south, composed of 1 loco and 20 cars -- 2 box cars, 1 flat car and 3 light flak guns destroyed by direct hits, 2 box cars damaged by strafing, 1 rail cut. 2 bombs dropped on train at M-6613 headed south and composed of 1 loco and 11 coaches -- 1 loco and 1 car destroyed, 10 cars damaged, 1 rail cut. 5 bombs dropped on train headed south at M-5314, composed of 1 loco, 12 box cars and 8 flt cars loaded with M/T; no direct hits; train also strafed -- 1 loco and 10 M/T destroyed, 8 flat cars and 12 box cars damaged; M/T on flt cars were left in flames. Strafing attacks and claims included: 60 box cars at M-3606 - 30 box cars damaged;2 M/V vehicles at M-3609 - both destroyed; 2 street cars at M-4012, headed east - both destroyed; 1 truck at M-3805, headed east - destroyed; 1 motorcycle and driver at M-4106, headed east - both destroyed; 1 truck at M-4301, headed east - destroyed. Observations along route: 30-40 oil cars in each M/Y at Bensheim (M-6520) and Heppenheim (M-6616); 10 heavy flak positions at M-5808; 150 cars in Worms M/Y. Flak: intense light at M-1295 and M-4510; weak light at M-2315 and M-6613. Three A/C damaged by flak, 1 plane category 2 and 2 planes category 1. No E/A encountered. Weather: no cloud; visibility 8-10 miles. Down at base, 0955 hours.

A.O.17 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 0800 hours, to perform armed recce of Area No.10. Each A/C carried 2 x 460# incendiary bombs and 1 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Homburg to Bad Kreuznach to Bingen to Alzey to Neustadt to Landau to base. TOT: 0835-0930 hours. 3 x 460# incendiary bombs and 2 x 500# GP bombs on M/Y at M-3051, where one loco and 25 box cars were seen. No claims from bombs, but loco and 3 cars were damaged by strafing. 7 x 460# incendiary bombs and 3 x 500# GP bombs were dropped on M/Y at Alzey,where 4 locos, steam up, and 60 box cars were observed. All bombs were direct hits -- 6 large explosions from RR cars, 1 warehouse exploded, 4 buildings burned -- claim: 20 cars destroyed, 4 bldgs destroyed, 1 loco damaged, 1 M/V damaged. 4 x 460# incendiary bombs and 2 x 500# GP bombs dropped on Landau M/Y, where 25 box cars were observed in the yard. 5 bombs were direct hits, 2 fires started -- 5 cars destroyed, 20 cars damaged, 1 M/Y damaged. 8 x 460# incendiary bombs and 4 500# GP bombs dropped on group of bldgs at Bergzabern at M-1056 -- no claims. 2 x 460# incendiary bombs and 1 500# GP bomb jettisoned at M-199512-- plane hit by flak. Observations along route included: 25 locos, steam up, at Mannheim M/Y in the SE part of town; no activity in the Neustadt M/Y; no activity on the RR line Homburg to Bad Kreuznach; train headed

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South, composition unknown, along E side of River, at R-095540; large oil,fire burning at R-715815. Flak: meager, light at R-3051; intense, light at Landau. No E/A encountered; no losses, but 2 P-47s damaged, cat.2, flak. Weather; CAVU. Down at base, 1020 hours.

A.O.18 11 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1128 hours to recce Area No.6. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. 1 A/C aborted, mechanical failure, and returned to base with its 3 bombs. Route flown was base to Kirn to Bad Kreuznach to Kaiserslautern to Karlsruhe to Bruschal to Heidelburg to Germersheim to base. Time in target area, 1150 - 1320 hours. 6 bombs were dropped on bridge with 4 tracks in M/Y at L-8032 -- 2 direct hits cut all 4 tracks, 3 near misses damaged bridge, 1 bomb landed on building in town, causing secondary explosion and destroying building. 3 bombs were dropped on railroad at L-0628 - 1 rail cut. 9 bombs were dropped on M/Y at R-6359 -- 1 M/Y damaged, 2 buildings destroyed, 2 box cars destroyed, and 20 box cars and 3 locos damaged by bombing and strafing. 6 bombs dropped on lumber and supply depot at R-7088 all bombs missed; depot and 1 nearby M/T damaged by strafing. 6 bombs dropped on M/T at R-6890 -- all misses. 1 H/D vehicle destroyed by strafing at R-6988; 1 M/T dmaged by strafing at same point. Observations along route; M/Y at Germersheim full, containing 150 cars and 1 loco with steam up; 10 barrage balloons over Germersheim at 1500 feet, seen from 6,000 feet; 3 barrage balloons on ground and one in air at 2,000 feet at R-5373, seen from 8,000 feet; 1 balloon at Karlsruhe, 8 - 10,000 feet, seen from 8,000 feet; M/Y at Landau contained 90 plus cars, with no activity observed in yard; M/Y at Kirn (L-8032) contained 100 cars, with no activity; two trains, 8 cars each, headed south at R-6257; work shops with Red Crosses observed from 20 feet on highway approximately 1 mile south of Heidelberg. Flak: scant heavy at R-5252; scant light at L-8032. No E/A encountered. No losses. Weather: along route and over target, CAVU. Down at base, 1350 hours.

A.O.19 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1032 hours to bomb barracks at R-236536 and conduct A/A of Weissembourg, Karlsruhe, Weinheim, Gerau and area of target. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Karlsruhe to Pferzheim to base; recce was not completed as ample targets were located in this area. In target area, 1120-1130 hours. 6 bombs dropped on loco and 5 box cars moving east at R-6850 -- no hits, but all cars and loco damaged by strafing. 4 bombs on loco and 30 box cars moving west into Bruschal at R-6260 -- 2 direct hits destroyed loco and 2 box cars. 2 bombs dropped on loco and 12 passenger cars moving east into Bretten M/Y at R-7149 -- no hits; 2 buildings destroyed by misses; loco and 12 cars and 1 street car in Bretten damaged by strafing. 6 bombs on 150 box and tank cars in Pforzheim M/Y -- 2 bombs cut tracks in yard; M/Y damaged; four bombs not observed to go off; 6 tank cars, 20 box cars and 2 buildings also strafed and damaged. 5 bombs on loco and 8 box cars moving west out of Singen (R-6140) -- direct hit destroyed loco and 1 car; 7 cars damaged by strafing and 1 cut. 2 bombs dropped on tunnel at R-6637, one entering tunnel and the other hitting on tunnel roof -- tunnel

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probably sealed. 3 bombs dropped on 5 L/T moving south at R-4942 -- no hits; 1 miss destroyed 1 bldg; the 5 L/Ts were destroyed by strafing. 4 bombs on L/T and trailer at R-4940 1 near miss; L/T destroyed and trailer damaged by strafing. 4 bombs on gunn at R-484413 -- no hits; guns and hut damaged by strafing. Strafing attacks and claims: 1 loco and 12 passenger cars moving south at R-7453 -- all damaged; 1 L/T at R-6557 -- damaged; 50 freight cars in another L/Y at Pforzheim 4 cars damaged; 10 passenger cars at R-6933 -- all damaged. Observations along route; 4 L/Ts on west bank of Rhine at Neushausel (R-355255) headed east; 1 loco and unknown number of cars moving east between Graben and Bruschal at 1205 hours. No E/A. Flak: moderate light at R-4841. 1 P-47 damaged by flak, cat. 1., Weather: C.A.V. Down at base, 1032 hours,

A.O.20 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1100 hours to recce area No.10, with supply dump at R-498833 as alternate bomb target. Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Lauterbourg to Speyer to Neustadt to Alzey to Bad Kreuznach to Homburg to Neunkirchen to base. In target area, 1138-1240 hours. 18 bombs were dropped on supply dump at R-498833; 3 bombs misses area, 8 were direct hits on 2 buildings and 9 were near misses on 4 buildings - 2 bldgs destroyed, 4 bldgs damaged, 1 bldg in target area was smaged by strafing, and a factory bldg just south of target was also dmaged by strafing, 6 bombs dropped on bldg area at R-455827; five bombs in area, one just south of target - 3 bldgs destroyed and 2 damaged. 12 bombs on L/Y at R-508805, with 30 box cars in yard; 9 direct hits in L/Y - 1 L/Y damaged, 5 cars destroyed, and 25 cars damaged by strafing and bombing. 1 factory bldg adjacent to yard was damaged by strafing, Observations along route; considerable activity in L/Y at Mannheim; Exhaust Squadron making attack at Karlsruhe; 2 - 3 bldgs of supply sump at R-498833 has already been destroyed by a previous attack. No E/A, no flak encountered. No losses. Weather: 4/10ths, base 4000 ft, tops 5000 ft; visibility unlimited, Down at base, 1320 hours.

A.O.21 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1415 houts to dive-bomb target at R-236536 and to perform armed recce of Wissembourg, Karlsruhe, Winheim, Gerau. Each A/C carried 2 x 500# incendiarry bombs and 1 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to Wissembourg to Neustadt to Landau to Worms to R-236536 to base. TOT: 1500-1530 hours. 8 x 500# incendiary bombs and 4 x 500# GP bombs on L/Y at Neustadt, R-2984, which was 1/3 full. Two direct hits set a bldg and a factory on fire and both are claimed destroyed -- also claim L/Y damaged. 8 x 500#GP bombs on L/Y at Landau, R-2766, which was 1/2 full but contained no locos -- 10 cars destroyed, 10 cars, damaged, and L/Y damged. The L/Y was still burning when the sqdn left the recce area, with one large fire and several smaller fires having been started. 8 incendiary bombs and 4 GPs on alternate target at R-236536. All bombs fell in target area, but no claims are made, as our bombing was made both precarious and inaccurate by B-26s which bombed at the same time from above our planes as they were down on their bombing run. Observations

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along route included:gas train burning fiercely at R-395605, after an attack by another sqdn; numerous fires in the Hagenau woods and white phosphorus shells were bursting in the SE corner of the wooded area. Flak: moderate, light at R-2766; scant, light at R-2984, Wissembourg, and R-2353; scant, heavy at Ludwigshaven. No E/A encountered; no losses. Wether: CAVU. Down at base, 1620 hours.

A.C.22 11 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 1453 hours to perform armed recce in Area 6. 3 A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs; each; 7A/C carried 2 x 500# incendiary bombs plus 1 x 500 # GP bombs each; 1 A/C carried 2 x 500# incendiary bombs. (Total bombs carried were 16 GPs and 16 incendiary). Route flownwas base to Aimn to Bad Kreuznach to Kaiserslautern to Bitche to Base. TOT: 1515-1640 hours. 8 GPs and 4 incendiary bombs dropped in M/Y at Alzey (R-2827) where 75 - 100 cars, but no locos were in the yard. Two incendiaries and 1 GP fell in the yard, the rest in the town. 1 large fire and numerous small fires were startedin the town, which was left burning.Claims one M/Y damaged. 1 GP bomb and 4 incendiaries dropped in M/Y at R-3517, where 50 box cars,but no locos were observed in the yard. One GP bomb fell in the yard. 1 large fire and numerous small fires were started in the town. Claim: 1 M/Y damaged. 2 GP bombs and 4 incendiaries dropped on Neustadt M/Y, where 300 cars, but no locos, were observed in the yard. 1 GP and 4 incendiaries hit the yard, causing numerous secondary explosions, and leaving fires burning inthe yard. Claim: 1 M/Y damged. 6 GPs dropped on train at R-557096, which was headed South and composed of 1 loco and 10 box cars, Bombs scored 2 direct hits -- 4-5 box cars destroyed. Also strafed -- claim, 1 loco destroyed. 3 GPs dropped in Landau M/Y, where 75 cars, but no locos, were observed. All bombs misses. 1 motorcycle strafed and destroyed at R-3023. Observations along route: 8 - 10 barrage balloons at 8000 ft., at Worms; 100 cars in M/Y at Ruschberg, 6 miles NE of Kohfelden, 13 new bldgs in U-shape, resembling supply depots, at R-3225. Flak: weak, light at R-2827 and R-3517; intense heavy and light at Neustadt; intense light at Landau. No E/A encountered; no losses. Weather: 3/10, base 4,000 ft., tops 5,000 ft., visibility 5 miles. Down at base: 1710 hours.

A.C.23 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1410 hours to perform dive-bombing and armed recce in Area No.6. 10 A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs each; and 2 A/C carried 2 x 500# GP bombs plus 1 x 460# incendiary bomb each. Followed route of base to Homburg to Kohfelden to Bad Kreuznach to Kaiserslautern to Neunkirchen to base. TOT: 1455-1550 hours. 22 x 500# GP bombs and 2 x 460# incendiary bombs dropped on M/T shop at R-628836. All hits in the area, with 2 direct hits on M. building -- claims; 1 bldg S. of area (seen burning) destroyed, 2 bldgs badly damaged. 12 GPs were dropped in town of Borrenbach at R-6493,-- 5 bldgs destroyed and fires started. Observations along route included: 40 box cars at R-645335;

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no activity anywhere. Flak: meager, light at Bad Kreuznach and Neunkirchen; moderate, light at G-6493. No E/A encountered. No losses; Weather: 4/10ths, base 4,000 ft., tops 5,000 ft., visibility good. Down at base: 1630 hours.

A.C.24 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1703 hours to dive-bomb rail rolling stock at G-9074. Each A/C carried 2 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to target (G-9074) to Pirmasens to base. In target area 1730-1800 hours. 6 bombs were dropped on RR lines at Kaiserslautern - 1RR cut claimed. 4 bombs were dropped on 1 loco and 30 flat cars at L-9700 - direct hit destroyed loco and 1 car, and damaged the RR station. 6 bombs were dropped on 30 cars at G-9074 - 2 bombs were observed not to go off, 2 were not observed, and the other 2 hit on edge of woods and caused a column of black smoke. 8 bombs were dropped on town of Rodalben (G-9271) 2 hits in town destroyed 1 building, and 6 misses cut road leading into town from the east. No E/A encountered. Flak: moderate, inaccurate light at Rodalben. No losses. Weather: CAVU, with slight ground haze. Down at base, 1840 hours.

A.C.26 9 P-47s (3 from 365th Sqdn, 4 from 366th Sqdn and 2 from 367th Sqdn) dispatched at 1420 hours to conduct A/R. 8 a/c carried 3 x 500# GP bombs, and 1 A/C carried 2 x 500# GPs. Course flown was base to Saarbrucken to Kaiserslautern to Pirmasens to Bitche to base. In target area, 1455-1540 hours. Baggage told Squadron to contact Gosling Blue; 2 phot recce planes led Squadron to target, 50 M/Ts in parking lot at L-9501. 25 bombs were dropped in target area: 13 M/Ts were destroyed and 15 damaged by bombing and strafing. 1 bomb hung up and was returned to base. 1 double-deck bus and 1 M/T at G-9475 were strafed - 1 M/T destroyed. Also strafed dummy A/D at L-0308, which contained 25 dummies, and 75-80 personnel running across the field - at least 30 personnel killed. No E/A encountered. Flak: scant light at G-9790; moderate light at G-8465; and moderate light at M-0308. No losses. Weather: 3/10ths, base 3500 ft, tops 5000 ft; visibility unlimited. Down at base, 1640 hours.

A.C.28 8 P-47s (3 from 365th Sq., 2 from 366th Sq and 3 from 367th Sq) dispatched at 1055 hours to bomb supply dump at M-383503 and conduct A/A. Each A/C carried 3 x 500# GP bombs. Route flown was base to Zweibrucken to Homburg to Karlsruhe to target to base. In target area, 1210-1230 hours. All bombs were dropped on primary target, supply dump at M-383503 - 2 bldgs destroyed, 2 bldgs damaged, and 2 fires started. 7 light flak positions at M-3850 strafed and damaged. Observations along route flown: no rail activity; huge fires burning at M-313470, with flames and black smoke rising to 6000 feet. 1 jet A/C observed at 1130 hours at 25,000 feet at Saarbourg, our squadron at 8,000 feet; E/A followed squadron along recce and observed bombing, after which our squadron tried to climb and engage E/A, but he headed east at 1225 hours. Flak: moderate light and intense heavy at M-3850. No losses. Weather: CAVU. Down at base, 1255 hours.

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B. (i) 135 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Landau M/Y.
RR tracks at R-3065.
Loco and 10 box cars at R-3071
Loco and coaches, at R-235605.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Hochspeyer.
M/Y at R-2315, containing 50 cars and loco.
Train at R-4510
Train at R-6613.
Train headed south at R-5314.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at R-3051.
M/Y at Lazey.
M/Y at Landau.
Buildings at Bergzabern at R-1056.
10 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Bridge with 4 tracks in M/Y at L-8032.
Railroad at R-0628.
M/Y at R-6359.
Lumber and supplu depot at R-7088.
M/T at R-6890.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco and 5 box cars, at R-6850.
Loco and 30 cars moving into Bruschal at R-6260.
Loco and 12 passenger cars, Bretten M/Y, at R-7149.
150 box cars in Pforzheim M/Y.
Loco and 8 box cars, Singen R-6140.
5 M/Ts moving south at R-4942.
M/T and trailer at R-4940.
Guns at R-484413.
6 A/C dropped bombs on supply dump at L-498833.
2 A/C dropped bombs on bldg area at L-455827.
4 A/C on M/Y at L-508805.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Neustadt, R-2984.
M/T at Landau, R-2766.
Alternate target at R-236536.
11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Lazey R-2827.
M/Y at R-3317.
M/Y at Neustadt.
Train at L-557096.
M/Y at Landua,
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/T shop at L-628836.
Town of Dorrenbach at L-6493.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
RR lines at Kaiserslautern.
Loco and 30 flat cars at L-9700.
30 cars at L-9074.
Town of Rodalben L-9271.

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9 A/C dropped bombs in the target area, 50 M/Ts in lot at L-9051.
8 A/C dropped bombs on PT, supply dump at M-383503.
134 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 1 A/C abortive, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 mechanical, fuel gauge.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 6 P-47s damaged by flak: 2 category 1, and 3 category 2.
(viii) 135

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 298:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 324,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) 67,130 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 322 - 500# GP bombs, fused- tail, M113. (50 nose spikes).
66 - 500# Incendiaries, M17- fused nose M127 or M138, tail M101A2.
(ii) 316 - 500# GPs and 64-500# Incendiaries, M17, expended as follows:-
8 GPs on Landau M/Y.
3 GPs at M-3065, RR tracks,
11 GPs on loco and 10 cars at R-3071.
9 GPs on loco and 4 coaches, M-235605.
1 GP on loco and 25 cars, R-3073.
1 GP on loco and 12 cars at M-2968.
12 GPs on M/Y at Hochspeyer,
11 GPs on M/Y at M-2315.
1 GP on M/Y at Grunstadt, L-3107.
4 GPs on train at M-4510.
2 GPs on train at M-6613.
5 GPs on train headed south at M-5314.
2 GPs and 3 Incendiaries on M/Y at M-3051.
3 GPs and 7 Incendiaries on M/Y at Alzey.
2 GPs and 4 Incendiaries on M/Y Landau.
4 GPs and 8 Incendiaries onbldgs at Bergzabern.
6 GPs on bridge in M/A at L-8032.
3 GPs on RR at L-0628.
9 GPs on M/Y at M-6359.
6 GPs on lumber and supply depot at R-7088.
6 GPs on M/Y at R-6890
6 GPs on loco and 5 box cars at R-6850.
4 GPs on loco and 30 cars, Bruschal at R-6260.
2 GPs on loco and 12 passenger cars Bretten M/Y at R-7149.
6 bombs on 151 box and tank cars in Pforzheim M/Y.

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5 CPs on loco and 8 box cars and 2 bldgs, Singen R-6140.
2 GPs on tunnel, at R-6637.
3 bombs on 5 M/T moving south at R-4942.
4 GPs on M/T and trailer at R-4940.
4 GPs on guns at R-484413.
18 GPs on supplu dump at R-498833.
6 GPs on bldg area at R-455827.
12 GPs on M/T at R-508805.
4 GPs on M/T at Neustadt, and 8 Incendiaries.
4 GPs on M/T at Landau, and 8 Incendiaries.
4 GPs on alF. target at R-236436, and 8 Incendiaries.
4 GPs and 8 Incendiaries, in M/T at Alzey R-2827.
1 GP and 4 Incendiaries, in M/T at R-3317.
2 GPs and 4 Incendiaries, on Neustadt, M/Y.
6 GPs dropped on train at R-557096.
3 GPs on Landau M/Y.
22 GPs and 2 Incendiaries on M/T shop at R-628836.
12 GPs in town of Dorrenbach at R-6393.
6 GPs on RR lines at Kaiserslautern.
4 GPs on 1 loco and 30 flat cars at R-9700.
6 GPs on 30 cars at R-9074.
8 GPs on town of Rodalben, R-9271.
25 GPs in target area, 50 M/Ts parking at R-9501.
24 GPs on MT, supply dump at R-383503.

(iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb jettisoned, at R-199512,(plane hit by flak).
2 - 500# Incendiaries jettisoned, a t R-199512,(plane hit by flak).

(iv) Nil
5 - 500# GP bombs returned to home base,

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 21
c) Damaged, 2

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 11
c) Damaged, 8

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 70
b) Probably destroyed, 8
c) Damaged, 296

5. Bridges,
c) Damaged, 1

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 6
c) Damaged, 4

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9. Factories and buildings,
   a/ Destroyed, 27
   c/ Damaged, 19

10. Roads cut, 1

11. Railroads cut, 6

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
   a/ Destroyed, 4
   c/ Damaged, 20

14. M/T attacked,
   a/ Destroyed, 1
   c/ Damaged, 3

17. Other claims;
   Dummy a/d damaged, 1
   Tunnel, damaged, 1

4. (2) Operation No. A.C. 80. Interception patrol mission.

A. 2 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 1701 hours to perform interception patrol in area NE of Stradbourg. A/C carried no external load. Followed route of base to Strasbourg to Hagenau to Bitche to Strasborg. TOT: 1730-1810 hours, No E/A encountered, no claims, no losses. Observations along route: nil. Flak: nil. Weather: CAVU. Down at base: 1836 hours.

B. (i) 2 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 2 A/C completed mission, on interception patrol.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 2

C. Nil

D. (i) 3:45
(ii) Nil

E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil
I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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FORM 34A

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3377 - (30)

A. 1 F-5B from 1004A to 1204A. To photo target: RR/L Sasbach V-913487 and Kondringen W-050486, M/Y Kensingen W-021548, M/Y Lahr W-095708, M/Y Appenwier W-1793, BDA Dump R-278563, M/Y Bundenthal R-050550, Karlsruhe A/F. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: M/Y Appenwier W-1793, BDA Dump R-278563, M/Y Bundenthal R-050550, Karlsruhe A/F. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1045A. WEATHER: Targets not claimed covered with 10/10ths clouds. Mission partially successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/L Sasbach V-913487 and Kondringen W-050486, M/Y Kensingen W-021548, M/Y Lahr W-095708, M/Y Appenwier W-1793, BDA Dump R-278563, M/Y Bundenthal R-050550, Karlsruhe A/F. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3378 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E from 0935 to 1135A. To photo target: M/Y Tuttlingen W-7931, RR/L W-714466 to W-755414, Dormettingen A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Mengen A/F, Schussenreid A/F, RR Station and M/Y Killer W-983694, RR/Station and M/Y Lautingen W-905577, Laufen W-868590, Area cover X-1045 X-1545 X-1551, RR/B Stieg W-251244. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1045A. WEATHER: 10/10ths cloud coverage in area. Mission unsuccessful. (Garland A. York, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) M/Y Tuttlingen W-7931, RR/L W-714466 to W-755414, Dormettingen A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Mengen A/F, Schussenreid A/F, RR Station and M/Y Killer W-983694, RR/Station and M/Y Lautingen W-905577, Laufen W-868590, Area cover X-1045 X-1545 X-1551, RR/B Stieg W-251244. (iii) Abortive sortie: No photographs taken - 10/10ths cloud coverage in target area.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3379 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E from 0940 to 1155A. To photo target: Hailfingen A/F, Eutingen A/F, Motzingen A/F, Deckenpfronn A/F, Malsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Echterdingen A/F, Nellingen A/F, Sindelfingen A/F, Odheim A/F. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Hailfingen A/F, Eutingen A/F, Deckenpfronn A/F, Malsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Echterdingen A/F, Nellingen A/F, Odheim A/F. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A. to 1100A. WEATHER: South of Reutingen Cumulus at 5,000 ft. Mission successful. (Allen R. Keith, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Hailfingen A/F, Eutingen A/F, Motzingen A/F, Deckenpfronn A/F, Malsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Echterdingen A/F, Nellingen A/F, Sindelfingen A/F, Odheim A/F. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3380 - (51)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1655A. To photo target: RR/B Nonnweiler L-450119, RR/B Munster M-983351, RR/B M-081347, M/Y and town Alzey M-2728, M/Y Crunstadt M-3198, M/Y Worms M-448152, M/Y Schifferstadt R-4687, M/Y R-411869, Germersheim A/F, Kirrlach A/F, Sinsheim A/F. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: RR/B Munster M-983351, RR/B M-081347, M/Y and town Alzey M-2728, M/Y Crunstadt M-3198, M/Y Worms M-448152, M/Y R-411869, Germersheim A/F, Kirrlach A/F. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1600A. WEATHER: CAVU and slight haze. Mission partially successful. (Robert G. VonTempsky, 1st Lt.) Cover pilot: Mission successful. (Williard O. Davis, Flight Officer)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/B Nonnweiler L-450119, RR/B Munster M-983351, RR/B M-081347, M/Y and town Alzey M-2728, M/Y Crunstadt M-3198, M/Y Worms M-448152, M/Y Schifferstadt R-4687, M/Y R-411869, Germersheim A/F, Kirrlach A/F, Sinsheim A/F. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3381 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E from 0940A to 1140A. To photo target: Block coverage R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1100A. WEATHER: Scattered low stratus in area around Baden-Baden. Mission successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target. Block coverage R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hours
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3382 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E from 0935A to 1130A. To photo target: Block coverage R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1100A. WEATHER: CAVU in target area. Mission successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3383 - (36)

A. 1 F-5E from 0935 to 1135A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9864 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9864 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1015A to 1045A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Robert E. Jarrell, Major)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9864 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ----- 34/3384 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E from 1000A to 1205A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 to Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. RADIOCONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030A to 1130A. WEATHER: Scattered cumulus at 10,000 ft. Mission successful. (Everett E. Custis, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-7364 to Q-9064 Q-9050 to R-3030 to R-2014 to Q-7340 to Q-7364. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3385 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E from 0950 to 1130A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-3724 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3724. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-3724 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3724. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025A to 1100A. WEATHER: 3/10ths clouds in area. Mission successful. (Donald B. Chunn, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-3724 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3724. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 1 hr. 40 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3386 - (40)

A. 1 F-5E from 1030A to 1200A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1120A. WEATHER: Area covered 5/10ths with cumulus at 4,000ft. Mission successful. (William J. Andres, Jr. Flight Officer)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3387 - (44)

A. 1 F-5E from 1120A to 1225A. To photo target: RR/B Hornberg W-360573, Town Staufen W-0030, RR/B Laffingen W-456183, RR/B Steig W-251244, RR/B B-297882, Supply dump W-055769, Viaduct Freuderstadt W-527863. OBSERVATION: one (1) Jet A/C observed twenty (20) miles east of Strasbourg circling and headed north. ENEMY AIR: One (1) jet A/C observed twenty (20) miles east of Strasbourg circling and headed north. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Supply dump W-055769. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1200A to 1215A. WEATHER: 10/10ths strato cumulus. Mission partially successful. (John L. Sanders, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/B Hornberg W-360573, Town Staufen W-0030, RR/B Laffingen W-456183, RR/B Steig W-251244, RR/B B-297882, Supply dump W-055769, Viaduct Freuderstadt W-527863. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/ 3388 - (60)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1530A to 1720A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: R-4050 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1600 to 1630A. WEATHER: CAVU - heavy haze. Mission successful. (Lawrencem D. Guy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-405 0 to R-5345 to R-3005 to R-1516. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 1 hr 50 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3389 - (52)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1650A. To photo target: Viaduct Freudenstadt W-527863, RR/B Hornberg W-537572, M/Y Appenwier W-1793, M/Y Lahr W-095708, M/Y Kensingen W-021548, RR/L W-1744 Waldkirch to W-2553 Elzach, RR/B V-986260, RR/L Sasbach V-913487 to Kondrigneen W-050486. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Viaduct Freudenstadt W-527863, RR/B Hornberg W-537572, M/Y Appenwier W-1793, M/Y Lahr W-095708, M/Y Kensingen W-021548, RR/L Waldkirch W-1744 to W-2553 Elzach, RR/B V-986260. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1510A to 1600A. WEATHER: 2/10 low clouds in area. Mission successful. (Herbert C. Byrd, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Viaduct Freudenstadt W-527863, RR/B Hornberg W-537572, M/Y Appenwier W-1793, M/Y Lahr W-095708, M/Y Kensingen W-021548, RR/L W-1744 Wladkirch to W-2553 Elzach, RR/L Sasbach V-913487 to Kondrigneen W-050486. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. five minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3390 - (53)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1655A. To photo target: RR/B W-6850, RR/L W-714466 W-755414, M/Y Tuttlingen W-7931, RR/B Loffingen W-456183, RR/B Steig W-251244, Town Staufen W-0020, RR/B B-297882. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: RR/B W-6850, Town Staufen W-0020. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1520A to 1545A. WEATHER: 5/10ths clouds in area. Mission partially successful. (James E. Lively, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/B W-6850, RR/L W-714466 W-755414, M/Y Tuttlingen W-7931, RR/B Loffingen W-456183, RR/B Steig W-251244, Town Staufen W-0020, RR/B B-297882. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 10 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3391 - (54)

A. 1 F-5E from 1545A to 1730A. To photo target: Grosselfingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, RR/Sta and M/Y Killer M-983694, M/Y Lautingen M-905577, Laufen M-868590, Area coverage X-1045 X-1545 X-1551, Mengen A/F, Schussenreid A/F. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Grosselfingen A/F, Laufen M-868590, Schussenreid A/F. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1600A to 1645A. WEATHER: CAVU - dark and extreme haze. Mission partially successful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Grosselfingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, RR/Sta and M/Y Killer M-983694, M/Y Lautingen M-905577, Laufen M-868590, Area coverage X-1045 X-1545 X-1551, Mengen A/F, Schussen-Reid A/F. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 45 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3392 - (55)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1445A to 1620A. To photo Target : Rhine River - Rastatt to Worms. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Intense flak noticed - directed at Bombers over Karlsruhe and Speyer. PHOTOS: Rhine River Rastatt to Worms - one (1) strip of Rhine River from Rastatt to Worms. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1535A. WEATHER: CAVU.
Mission successful. (Joe NMI Merkle, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Rhine River -Rastatt to Worms . (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 1 hr. 35 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3393 - (56)

A. 1 F-5E from 1450A to 1650A. To photo target: Block coverage L-8405 to M-1405 to R-1491 to Q-8491 to L-8405, block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage L-8405 to M-1405 to R-1491 to Q-8491 to L-8405, block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530A to 1615A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Lawton C. McGlothling, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage L-8405 to M-1405 to R-1491 to Q-8491 to L-8405, block coverage Q-3784 to Q-5573 to Q-7373 to Q-7356 to Q-5056 to Q-2774 to Q-3784 (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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Oprep "A" No: 329 for 24 hours ending sunset
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MISSION U.S. - 34/5394 - (57)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1440A to 1655A. To photo target: Area - V-970550, W-020540 Area, Area - W-020505, Ammo Dump V-985335 to V-925315, Ammo Dump at W-045315 to W-055345., RR/Station at W-2665, RR/Station at W-3365. OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil - RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1600A. WEATHER: CAVU - slight haze. Mission unsuccessful. (James E. McCommon, lst. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Area - V-970550, Area W-020540, Area - W-020505, Ammo Dump V-985335 to V-925315, Ammo Dump at W-045315 to W-055345. RR/Station at W-2665, RR/Station at W-3365. (iii) A bortive Sortie: (d) Due to camera failure - photographs taken were not usable. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil

D. 2 hrs. 15 minutes

E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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TO: Hq. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3395 - (58)

A. 1 F-5E from 1445A to 1720A. To photo target: RR/Station W-6652, RR/Station W-5944 Schwenningen, RR/Station W-5440 Villingen, RR/Station W-5726 Donau/Eschingen, RR/Station W-8307 Singen, RR/Station B-4492 Oberlauchringen, RR/Station B-3692 Waldshut. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Waldshut - fifteen (15) bursts of inaccurate flak. PHOTOS: Nil RADIOCONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515A to 1645A. WEATHER: 3/10ths Clouds in area. Mission unsuccessful. (Wallace C. Boswroth, Captain)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/Station W-6652, RR/Station W-5944 Schwenningen, RR/Station W-5440 Villingen, RR/Station W-5726, Donau/Eschingen, RR/Station W-8307 Singen, RR/Station B-4492 Oberlauchringen, RR/Station B-3692 Waldshut. (iii) Abortive sortie: (C) Due to camera failure - photographs taken were not usuable. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 35 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 320 for 24 hours ending sunset
14 February 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3396 - (59)

A. 1 F-5E from 1455A to 1655A. To photo target: RR/Station W-7184, RR/Station Tubbingen W-9793, RR/Station Ulm X-6681, Dormstadt A/F, Leiphei A/F, Ristissen A/F, Laupheim A/F, Memingen A/F. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: RR/Station W-7184, RR/Station Tubbingen W-9793, RR/Station Ulm X-6681, Dormstadt A/F, Leiphei A/F, Ristissen A/F, Laupheim A/F, Memingen A/F. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1530A to 1600A. WEATHER: CAVU. Mission successful. (Lawrence B. Schmidt, 1st Lt.) Cover pilot - mission successful. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E from 1455A to 1655A. (ii) 1 attacking target: RR/Station W-7184, RR/Station Tubbingen W-9793, RR/Station Ulm X-6681, Dormstadt A/F, Leiphei A/F, Ristissen A/F, Laupheim A/F, Memingen A/F, (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 2 Hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FORM 34A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th. Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

Ref: 2/14/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 548 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 14 February 1945.

A. Three Beaufighters airborne during the period. First Mission from 18:00 to 19:45. Intruded East of the Rhine in the area between Freiburg and Rastatt. At 18:45 hrs. straffed single M/T headed South at R-2510. Damaged - 1 M/T. Traffic was scattered and no convoys were sighted. General direction of movement was South.
Second Mission from 18:00 to 20:00 hrs. Intruded in Neustadt - Karlsruhe Mannheim area. Dropped leaflets at Landau at 18:30 hrs. Straffed a convoy of about 15 trucks going North at R-3082 damaging 8 M/T. Shots veered off into Marshalling Yards at Neudstadt causing a tank car containing gasoline or oil to catch fire and explode. Fire could be seen for 15 miles. At 18:45 straffed a convoy of 10 vehicles moving East at R-3095 damaging 4 M/T. Sighted five S/L at R-5298 and one S/L at M-4515. Fired on a group of lights at R-7090 causing explosions and 5 seperate fires. Believe it may have been Branch Ordinance Depot. At 19:00 sighted two red lights on river or canal near Bruchsal and encountered approximately 10 AA guns, 40MM which were very accurate. Results of straffing not observed. At 19:03 straffed three vehicles headed South at R-4131 destroying 1 M/T and damaging 2 M/Ts. At 19:10 between Rastatt and Bischweiller encountered a "Foofighter" at 3000 ft. Turned into the two sets of orange lights. One set went out immediately. The other set went straight up two or three thousand feet before going out. Turned towards base and upon looking back saw the orange lights back in their original position. At 19:20 saw a large explosion on the ground near Luneville. Third Mission scrambled for Bogey at 22:45 hrs. Returned to base with R/T out and rough engine. Down at 23:05.

B. (i) Three Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII
(ii) Two
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Three

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 4:00

E. (i) 3000 x 20MM
18000 x .303
(ii) 510 x 20MM
275 x .303
(iii) None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. 1 RR Tank Car Destroyed

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1 M/T Destroyed
15 M/T Damaged
1 Supply Dump Damaged.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A. C.,
Commanding.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE.

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 563

1. No. Off 3 - B26 Time Up 1311 Time Down 3-1635 Total Hours ~~10:3~~ 10:55
2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64th FTR. WING; 20-25 P47's.
3. Weather: SCATTERED Sc - TOPS 5,000'. - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - -

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - -

5. Target: (1) GUN POSITIONS Q-575762, GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	GUN POSITIONS-GSGS 4416, SHEET U-1-CENTER.	MARTINGEN, GERMANY.	1505	3	11,700'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. PART OF 48 SHIP FORMATION; FLYING TWO 4 FLIGHT BOXES(FORMATION ENROUTE). - FLIGHTS IN TRAIL; FIRST 2 FLIGHTS LOW AND AHEAD OF OTHER SIX; FLIGHTS WENT INTO ATTACK FORMATION JUSE SHORT OF IP(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - FLIGHTS DROPPED ON LEAD BOMBARDIER OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FLIGHT(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - ATTACK MADE ON AN AXIS OF 170 DEGREES WITH SHARP LEFT BREAK AND THEN RIGHT. - SLIGHT-MODERATE EVASIVE ACTION EMPLOYED.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 196 400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) 3[illegible] SEC. (2) -- (3) - - (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING:
"Bombs burst above a wooded area south of CONTWIG at WQ-778713. This was approximately 13 miles East of the target."

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
260# (AIR BURST)	M-81	42	38	--	--	--	NONE	4(RACK MAL-FUNCTION).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
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8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	4,700	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	-------

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ---------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. 95

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 564

1. No. Off 3 - B26 Time Up 1311 Time Down 3-1635 Total Hours 11:05
2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's.
3. Weather: SCATTERED 5/8 - TOPS 5,000' - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES.
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - -	NONE	- - - -

5. Target: (1) GUN POSITIONS Q-588773, GERMANY. (2) -
(3) - (4) -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	GUN POSITIONS-GSGS 4416, SHELF 9-1-CENTER	MARPINGEN, GERMANY.	1508	3	10,759'.
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 48 ship formation; flying two 4 flight boxes(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; first two flights low and ahead of other six; flights went into attack formation just short of IP(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flights(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 170 degrees with sharp left break and then right. - Slight - moderate evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 200

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
2 SEC.	--	--	--

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN. 400' CIRCLE

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING:

"Bombs burst above a wooded area South of CONTWIG at WQ-778713. This was approximately 13 miles East of the target."

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
260# (AIR BURST)	M-81	42	42	--	--	--	NONE	NONE

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	4,200	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CF	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 37 MISSION REPORT #3 THIS DATE.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 565

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 1311 Time Down 6-1635 Total Hours 22:30
2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's
3. Weather: SCATTERED Sc - TOPS 5,000' - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES.
4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - -

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	- - - - -

5. Target: (1) ST. INGBERT M.T REPAIR DEPOT (Q-535750), GERMANY. (2) -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS CARRIED		NO BOMBS CARRIED		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS CARRIED NO BOMBS CARRIED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: These 6 air-cr aft broke from the formation and started dropping chaff from WADERN to a point 2 miles west of MARPINGEN (Q-2493), employing violent evasive action.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
NO BOMBS CARRIED			NO BOMBS CARRIED					

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - -	- - - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -

8	Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
	.50	9,700	NONE

9.	Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
	CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA.

10.	No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
	NONE	- - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
2 - air-craft returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #4 THIS DATE. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 FEB. 19 45 Mission No. 566

1. No. Off 40 - B26 Time Up 1311 Time Down 36-1635 Total Hours 140:35
2. a. Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION b. Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's.
3. Weather: SCATTERED Sc - TOPS 5,000' - VISIBILITY 6-8 MILES.
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
4 - B26	AIR SPARES

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
36 - B26	TARGET NOT IDENTIFIED.

5. Target: (1) ST. INGBERT M/T REPAIR DEPOT (Q-535750), GERMANY. (2) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release	NO BOMBS DROPPED
(1)						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

NO BOMBS DROPPED

b. Ground Speed of Attack - - - - - - - - - - - - - c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area - - - - - - - - - - - -

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: 36 air-craft over primary target; no bombs dropped due to inclement weather.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500# M-17 (INCENDIARY)	M-138	96	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	96(NOT IDENTIFIED).
500# GP	.1 X .025	224	NO	BOMBS	DROPPED		NONE	32(SPARE) 192(NOT IDENTIFIED).

Explosives Jettisoned: NONE

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
- - - -	- - -	- - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	65,200	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	TARGET AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - -	- - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - -

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st and 443rd

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 487

1. No. Off 22 B-26's Time Up 12:25 Time Down 15:17 Total Hours 58:51

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 2/10ths Strato cumulus in small patches base 3,000' tops 4,000'

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
4 B-26's	Spares	None	

5. Target: (1) KARLSRUH, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Supply Depot (M) G-400899	Volklingen G-3573	14:07	18 B-26's	11,000
(2)					10,500
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Bombed in normal route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one manueach squadron. Axis of Attack - 90°M. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 100 30 sec.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- A good concentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.025	88	72				None	16
500#AN17	M-138	38	69				None	16

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#AN17	3	Hung up	Target area

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	60,500	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Scant	0-3474

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 Feb 19 45 Mission No. 486

1. No. Off 32 B-26's Time Up 12:12 Time Down 15:02 Total Hours 90:00

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 2/10ths strato cumulus in small patches base 3,000' tops 4,000'.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
5 B-26's	4 Spares 1 Personnel	1 B-26	Bombardier error.

5. Target: (1) LABACH, GERMANY (2) LAHR, GERMANY

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Marshling Yards (a) K-386902	Volklingen K-3573	14:06	17 B-26's	12,500 11,500
(2)	Barracks K-1372		14:40	9 B-26's	12,000
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - Javelin down of squadrons. Bomb Run - Squadron on target #1 bombed in compressed formation. Group on target #2 bombed in route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man each squadron. Axis of Attack - 7°E. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 230 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 30 seconds.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 98

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results - H/I good concentration of bombs across the target.

Barracks good concentration of bombs across South East half of target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1/4001	256	208				NON E	48

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	101,075	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Scant	4072

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged-Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 14 Feb. 1945 Mission No. 485

1. No. Off 4 B-26's Time Up 12:09 Time Down 15:02 Total Hours 9:09

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 2/10ths Stratocumulus in small patches. Base 3,000 feet, tops 4,000 feet.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Spare	None	

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5. Target: (1) LAHACH, GERMANY (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Gun Position (W) 4-391869	Volklingen 4-3573	14:06	3 B-26's	10,200
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute - 3 ships flight. Bomb Run. - Attack in route formation. Bombing Procedure - All bombs dropped off of No one man. Axis of attack - 7°M. Withdrawal - Broke right. Evasive Action - Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 215 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) 30 sec.

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results. - Target missed - bombs landed over and to the left.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
20# Frags		480	360				NONE	120

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal	11,300	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
None		

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
None		

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OPREP 'A'

To: H.Q. Ninth Air Force (Attention 26th S.C.U.)
H.Q. XII T.A.C. (Attention 23rd S.C.O.R.)

From: 111TH TAC. RECON. SQDN.

Ref: Oprep 'A' No. 121 for 24 hours ending sunset, 14 February, '45. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3750, TR/5/14/14.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0720-0925. To recce Bitche-Pirmasens-Q-9073 area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 locomotives, 1 facing north and 1 south , and 1 NE, and 1 train with 40 boxcarsin M/Y Q-9073. 1 factory with two smoke stacks Q-1973. (F/B's clobbered above targets) 1 train with 50 boxcars mvg. east at Q-9008. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-intense-inaccurate at Q-9073. PHOTOS: Unsuccessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0915. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Bitche-Q-9073. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 280 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3751, TR/13/14/18.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0720-0940. To recce Route "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train mvg. east at M-2908 of about 5 open gondola cars. 1 train of 8 boxcars mvg. south at M-5407. 1 train with 60 cars , flat and box, pulled into town at M-5425, mvg. south. 1 passenger train of 6 cars mvg. slowly north at M-5428. 1 train of 50-60 box and flat cars mvg. north at M-5333. Road and RR bridges at Worms intact. 8 clusters of 3 each pontoons scatteree in Rhine between M-4636 and M-4640. 25 large barges stationary mostlt along west bank of Rhine between M-4636 and M-4640. 3 locos. with steam up in Mainz M/Y. 6 trains between Mainz and Frankfurt. 1 train of 8-12 boxcars mvg. north at M-4420. 1 train of 10 boxcars mvg. west at M-2354. 75-100 large barges on Rhine between Mainz and Bingen. 1 train of 6-8 boxcars mvg. south across Rhine at M-1553. 3 locomotives with steam up in M/Y at Alzey. 1 train with 20 flat cars loadede- with MT and 10 open cars loaded mvg. north at M-1546. 8 passenger cars with red crosses stationary at Q-8891. 1 train with 35 cars , 15 of them flat cars loaded with MT mvg. south at Q-7181. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Worms. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 07-45-0915. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 40 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3752, TR/17/14/22.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0725-0940. To recce and photo in Kaiserslautern-Pirmasens-Frankenthal-Heidelberg-Germersheim area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 MT mvg. west at Q-8461. 3 MT mvg. orth at Q-8863. 150 plus mostly boxcars in Pirmasens M/Y. 6 passenger cars, 3 burning at Q-9371. 15 plys RR cars at Q-9582. Kaiserslautern M/Y about 2/3 filled with mostly boxcars..also abot 35 flat cars loadedeand covered. Called to controller. 1 train of 35 flatcarsand 35 boxcars covered mvg. west out of Kaiserslautern M/Y. 5 locos. with steam up, and 3 trains of 40 boxcars each in M/Y at R-0293. 20 RR cars mostly flat cars loaded and covered at Q-0998. 1 train of 20 cars at Q-1194 mvg. west. (F/B's attacked.) 1 MT mvg. east at M-3505. 1 train of 30 plus cars mvg. south at M-5412. 1 train of 45 plus cars , 5 tank cars, and remainder box, mvg. north at M-5405. 1 train of 40 cars mvg. south R-5398. Mannheim M/Y almost full of boxcars. 3 trains of 40 plus black boxcars each, all stationary facing SE in Mannheim M/Y. 1 train of 60 plus boxcar mvg. NW from Heidelberg. 1 train of 30 plus boxcars with 3 flat cars mvg. north at R-5878. 1 passenger train of 7-8 cars mvg. mvg. SW across Rhine into Speyer. 1 passenger train of 7-8 cars mvg. NE toward Rhine river bridge at Speyer. 1 train of 15 boxcars mvg. SW R-4977. 6 small barges and 10 pontoons on Rhine river tied to east bank at R-4973. 4 small barges 8 pontoons on Rhine at R-5274. 1 train of 50 plus boxcars mvg. north from Germersheim 75 plus boxcars in Germersheim M/Y. 1 loco. with steam up facing south in Germersheim M/Y. 1 train with 10 passenger cars mvg. south R-4572. 1 train with 12 passenger cars mvg. east at R-4472. 3 trains of 35 plus boxcars each stationary , and 1 loco. with steam up facing east and approx. 50 cars in M/Y at R-4372. 1 train of 20 plus boxcars stationary facing west at R-3871. 1 train of 25 boxcars mvg. NW at R-4548. 1 train of 15 plus boxcars mvg. SE at R-3950. 4 MT NW R-0953. 2 MT north Q-9452. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-accurate at Mannheim. PHOTOS: 7 sections of pontoons tied up on east shore of river at R-482715. 10 small boats and ferry tied at R-482713. 7 sections of pontoons tied at R-477707. 6 plus pontoons sedtions , 5 large barges tied at R-475696. 9 small boats , 1 large barge, double section of pontoon tied at R-472694. 2 spans of RR bridge intact at R-473690. 3 gun batteries (L) at R-479701, R-476698, and R-475696, also at R-472694. All occupied. Two 3 gun batteries (MG/AA) unoccupied at R-475693. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0925. WEATHER: Slight haze.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern-Germersheim. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3753, TR/2614/26.

A. 2 F6 C's from 0730-0930. To recce Strassbourg-Berne-Munich-Stuttgart-Neu Breisach. OBSERVATIONS: 9 smoke pots east of Neu Breisach along Rhine river. No other observation because of weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: 10/10 2000-11000'Berne-Munich-Stuttgart.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Neu Breisach. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3754, TR/18/14/25.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1030-1145. To recce Lauterburg area. OBSERVATIONS: 2 strins of boxcars at R-3242. 1 appeared to be a train heading south Mission returned to base due to engine trouble. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100-1115. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Lauterburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3755, TR/6/14/15.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1120-1325. To recce and photo in Area "B". OBSERVATIONS: 1 large barge mvg. west at Q-5057. 7 small barges stationary between Saargemund and Saarbrucken. 6 small barges stationary at Q-4371. 1 MT mvg. east at Q-3878. 1 HDT mvg. east at Q-3374. 1 train of 27 boxcars and 3 flat cars loaded with crates stationary facing north at Q-3475. 2 halftracks mvg. north at Q-5195. 2 MT mvg. SW at Q-5291. 1 MT mvg. south at Q-6390. 1 MT mvg. north at Q-6085. 3 MT mvg. west and 1 MT mvg. east at Q-6384. 1 MT mvg. west at Q-5684. 2 trains with steam up, with 20 empty coal cars on one, 30 empty coal cars on the other, facing east just west of Neuenkirchen. 4 MT mvg. north at Q-4675. 1 MT mvg. north at Q-4876. 2 half tracks stationary facing north Q-7188. 2 HDT mvg. north Q-7289. 2 long HDT and 1 MT mvg. SE at Q-7173. 1 trains of 15 boxcars stationary facing NW at Q-7772. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Q-7060. PHOTOS: Unsuccessful. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1155-1310. WEATHER: 1/10 over area.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Area "B". (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
E. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3756, P-72, P-75, P-75B, TR/14/14/19.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1140-1330. To recce and photo in Offenburg-Mannheim-Mainz-Bingen-Kaiserslautern-Worms-Frankenthal-Saargemund. OBSERVATIONS: 1 train of 20 boxcars mvg. north at M-4420. 4 locomotives stationary facing north on siding at M-4429. 30 barges at M-4342 on Rhine empty. 1 loco. with 25 boxcars mvg. south at M-3346. 100 plus boxcars at bend in RR at M-155200 plus boxcars on sidings between Bad Kreuznach and Bad Munster. 3 MT mvg. east at M-1409. 5 MT mvg. south at M-3695. 2 large vans at M-4431. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at Worms. PHOTOS: Offenburg M/Y, 1450 RR cars mostly intact from area M-156864 to overpass at M-163881. 50-100 damaged RR cars. Main tracks mostly intact. Tracks in M/Y from M-165881-M-165890 blocked except two main lines. 500-1000'RR cars have been totally destroyed in north end of yards. Engine sheds and car shops badly damaged. Damage to target severe. 60-70% of facilities unserviceable. Loading light. Little, if any activity. One line of four main lines running north and south cut. Rails in M/Y 40% repaired and serviceable. 3 gun batteries at M-149849, M-151849, 147857, 148852. RR bridge out at M-145846. East bound bridge span at M-149848 out. Track out on west bound at M-152848. 20 car train, including 2 exceptionally long cars at M-146847. RASTATT M/Y: Road bridges intact at R-338298, R-341287, 344284, 346285. Road bridges damaged on east-west approach. 10 bomb hits not repaired on west approach to RR bridge. Tracks into small M/Y are not repaired. 150 scattered RR cars mostly intact. RR bridge at R-361300 intact. East and north approaches to M/Y are clear. Damage to west and east RR bridge severe. Damage moderate to M/Y. 75% of M/Y facilities have been hit and are unserviceable. Loading in Both M/Y light. 50% of activity is loading. Activity light. No thru lines cut to north and east from R-355298. 5-10% of town of Rastatt demolished in neighborhood of M/Y and bridges. Main M/Y at Rastatt 85-90% repaired and serviceable. 50-60% to be repaired in vicinity of RR bridge at R-351286...This area seems to have been center of impact. RADIO CONTACT: Fair. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1315. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Offenburg-Saargemund. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3757, TR/15/14/20.

A. 2 F6 C's. from 1315-1530. To recce and photo in Saarge mund-Kaiserslautern-Mannheim-Worms-Oppenheim-Mainz-Bad Kreuznach-area. OBSERVATIONS: 3 MT mvg. north at M-4502. 2 MT mvg. east into Worms. 1 MT mvg. east across Rhine at M-4615. 10 small fires or smoke pots emitting columns of smoke on each side of Rhine at Mannheim. 3 MT mvg. west at M-3416. 500 medum size crates stacked along south side of RR tracks at M-3258. 2 MT mvg. SE M-1236. 2 MT mvg. south at M-0808. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Q-9073. PHOTOS: Nothing to report. RADIO CONTACT: Poor. TIME OVER AREA: 1325-1510. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-Kaiserslautern. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3757, TR/15/14/20, (Cont'd.)

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3758, TR/7/14/16.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1330-1500. To recce and photo in Saarbrucken-Saarlautern-St. Wendel-Neuenkirchen-Pirmasens-Bitche-area. OBSERVATIONS: 50 plus boxcars in St. Wendel M/Y. 20 plus boxcars in Ottweiler M/Y. 50 plus boxcars in Neuenkirchen M/Y. 50 plus boxcars in Homburg M/Y. 1 loco. with steam up facing east with 10 plus boxcars Zweibrucken M/Y. String of 75 cars at Q-9073. 1 train with steam up and 100 plus boxcars and gondolas, stationary facing NE at Q-5071. Small yards between Saarbrucken and Neuenkirchen have about 20 cars each and appear to have moved in recently. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Bitche. PHOTOS: Q-7180; 8 RR cars and 10 locos. in vicinity of roundhouse. Industrial area badly damaged. North bound tracks cut at Q-716816. 350 RR cars in M/Y. Tracks mostly repaired and serviceable in this area. Damage to RR target slight. 15-20% of RR facilities unserviceable. Loading slight. Activity light. One thru line to NE cut. 5-10% of town area destroyed. Rails 85090% repaired. 3 gun batteries (L) unoccupied at Q-723819, and Q-718819, and two at Q-714818. Q-7186; 85 RR cars mostly intact, including several flak cars. Damage slight if any. 2% of facilities unserviceable. Loading and activity light. Thru-lines repaired. Town of Waldmore intact. 95-100% of rails repaired and serviceable. 4 gun batter (Field) camouflaged at Q-711867. A rea strongly defended at Q-710868. Anti-tank ditch at Q-713874. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1445. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saarbrucken-Bitche. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. ***(ii) and (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3759, TR/19/14/24.

A. 2 F6 C's. To recce Pirmasens-Kaiserlsutern-Ludwigshafen-Karlsruhe-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT towing 2 flat trailers stationary facing east at Q-9581. Ludwigshafen M/Y about 1/3 filled. 1 MT mvg. west into Bad Durkheim. 4 scattered MT on secondary roads Ludwigshafen-Karslruhe. 20-30 boxcars and about 6 flat cars loaded at R-4057. Landau M/Y about 1/3 filled. One length of about 20 cars with about 6-8 flat cars appear to be loaded in Landau M/Y. 2 MT mvg. west at R-1194. 3 MT stationary R-2486 off main road in town. 1 MT stationary facing south at R-2369. 2 HDV mvg. south at R-2367. Crates piled along RR tracks at M/Y at R-1667. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Light-scant-inaccurate at R-2486, R-1194, Q-9073. Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1550. WEATHER: 2/10 4000' Hardt Mts.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Pirmasens-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. (ii) 240 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3760, TR/27/14/27.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1410-1630. To recce and photo in Strassbourg-R-6527, Freudenstadt-Offenburg-Villingen-Freiburg-Kenzingen. OBSERVATIONS: 1 MT mvg. north at R-6016. Offenburg M/Y about 1/4 filled with boxcars 3 MT and 1 gas truck stationary facing south at W-2765. 75 boxcars on siding at W-5265. 1 locomotive steam up facing west Freustadt M/Y. 1 MT mvg. SE W-1730. 1 locomotive steam up facing south at north end of Freiburg M/Y ..M/Y damaged. String of 20 flat cars at south end of town of Freiburg. 4 gun battery W-987576..camouflaged and defended with 8-10light AA gun positions around battery. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at Freudenstadt. Light-moderate-inaccurate at Freudenstadt. PHOTOS: RR bridge intact at Q-633280. Two bomb craters near 2 gun battery --1 gun possibly damaged at W-519929. RR bridge and tunnel entrance at W-569573 intact. 34 craters nearby. RR tracks to north of bridge intact. RR cut at W-853129, and W-856128. RR bridge east approach out at W-860128. RR bridge over Rhine completely out at W-858128. 4 gun battery (Field) and 4 bunkers at W-989576. Incomplete gunposition at W-993583. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1430-1615. WEATHER: 3/10 3-4000'.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Kenzingen. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 20 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3761, TR/16/14/21.

A. 2 F6 C's. from 1615-1820. To recce Kaiserslautern-Bingen-Ludwigshafen-Wissembourg area. OBSERVATIONS: 75 plus boxcars in Kaiserslautern M/Y. 1e locomotive 15-20 boxcars stationary steam up in Kaiserslautern M/Y. 3 MT mvg. north M-1105. 3 MT mvg. SW M-1234. 14 light colored boxcars at M-1250. About 100 barges in Rhine river from Bingen to Mainz. 1 train mvg. east with 30 plus boxcars M-3258. 3 train with 20 plus boxcars each mvg. SE into Mainz M/Y. 1 train of 40 plus boxcars mvg. south at M-4252. 5 trains, 1 short train of 10 passenger cars, and rest 20 boxcars each, mvg. north at M-5249. 1 train stationary with steam up facing SE with 40 boxcars each at M-5348. 75 barges at M-4443 tied to west bank of Rhine and 3 mvg. south. 1 loco. stationary facing east at M-3415. 12 MT stationary facing east at M-3415. 4 MT in town at M-2727 facing SW stationary. 5 locos. steam up hooked to about 60 boxcars in M/Y Grunstadt. 3 locos. in Grunstadt M/Y. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Heavy-scant-inaccurate at 4 miled west of Ludwigshafen. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. WEATHER: CAVU; Ground haze. TIME OVER AREA: 1630-1900.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Kaiserslautern-Wissembourg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3761, TR16/14/21, Cont'd.

C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 10 mins. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil fo (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3762, TR/8/14/17.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1530-1800. To recce Saargemund-Q-4091-St. Wendel-Pirmasens-Bitche-St. Ingbert. OBSERVATIONS: 15 barges on Sa r river at Saarbrucken. Barracks just south of town Q-4091 damaged and burning. 1 train of 30-40 cars mvg. south at L-5605. Homburg M/Y almost empty. 3 MT mvg. south out of Pirmasens. Hospital just SE of M/Y at Q-4091. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1745. WEATHER: Haze. CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Saargemund-St. Ingbert. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3763, TR/30/14/47.

A. 2 F6 C's from 1710-1810. To recce Strassbourg-Offenburg-W-0150. OBSERVATIONS: About 1500 RR cars in Offenburg M/Y. 3 MT and 1 ambulance mvg. south at W-0873. 2 MT mvg south and 1 MT mvg. north at W-0655. All bridges across Xkkmx Leopold canal between Rhine and Riegel intact. Large fire in town W-0270. 3 large fires in town W-0682. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1730-1750. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. (i) 2 F6 C's. (ii) 2 attacking Strassbourg-Offenburg. (iii)-(vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. 2200 rds of 50 cal. Nil for (ii) and (iii).
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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14 February 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM : 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

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OPREP A NO. 152 for twenty four hours ending sunset 14 February 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 421 TR/21/14/11

A. 2 F6Ds from 0725-0900. To recce in Area "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: 1 Train 30 boxcars mvg S at R-5555 (Called Controller). 1 Train 6 passenger cars mvg E at R-5260. 1 Train, 30 boxcars STAT, S/U facing S at R-5562. 1 Train 5 boxcarsmvg S at R-5772, approx., 100 boxcars in M/Y. (Couldn't contact controller) M/Y at R-5878; approx., 100cars. M/Y at Hockenheim 1/2 full, 2 locos S/U working in yard. 1 Train, 6 pass. cars heading S at R-6184. M/Y at Schwetzingen (R-6188) 1/2 full-approx. 50 pass. cars; 2 locos; S/U working in yard. M/Y Mannheim, 1/3 full, approx. 12 locos, S/U working in yard. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H Mannheim, Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0740-0840. WEATHER: CAVU, except S of Strassbourg, 10/10 from 2000-10000.

B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking "Route 1". (iii-v) Nil (vi) 1 P-51, Flak. (vii) Nil (viii) 2.

C. Nil

D. 2:00 hours.

E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii) Nil (iii) 2100

F. Nil

G. 1-Pilot-M.I.A.

H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 422 TR/9/14/5

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6D from 0735-1040. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg, 1/2 full, 6 locos working. Called to Baggage and bombed by P-47s. M/Y Zweibrucken 1/3 full, 3 locos working at 0800, NMS at 1030. RR serv., from Homburg to Kaiserlautern. Train 30 cars, mov W into Larchstuhl, called in to controller. Train 15-20 cars, mov SW out of Kaiserlautern, called in. M/Y Kaiserlautern 1/2 full, 8 locos, S/U at 0830. 1/3 Full, 2 locos, S/U at 0945, called in. 4 Factories operating at Neunkirchen, one (1) on E edge bombed by P-47s., who also cut RR at least 2 places at Q605840. Train 20-25 B/C STAT, S/U, facing S in M/Y at Ottweiler. 3 Locos working and 3 trains S/U, STAT, facing B/W in M/Y at St. Werdell. Train 20-25 B/C mov S into St. Werdell, called in. RR serv Neunkirchen, Oberstein, Bad Kreuznach. Train 40 mixed cars mov N out of Bad Kreuznach, called in. NMS Bad Kreuznach-Kaiserlautern. 8 P-47s bombed and destroyed factory and cut RR at L-8000. HWY bridge serv. at Q-9166. P-47s bombed and destroyed factory at Q-998713, terrific explosion noted. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK : Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-1015. WEATHER: Area CAVU, down sun. Vis. 4 mi. up sun. 10/10 o/c mov W from Rhine Valley.

B. 1 F6B and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.

C. Ni l

D. 6:10 hours.

E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-720) (iii) Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 423 TR/24/14/9

A. 2 F6Cs from 0725-0955. To recce in Area "F". OBSERVATIONS: Pass. Train, 8 cars, mvg SE at R-4125 (Called in). Train 15 B/C, STAT, S/U fac N at R-4736. Train 30 B/C mvg N out of Karlsruhe, 2 switch engines working in M/Y S of Karlsruhe. 2 trains, 30 mixed cars, flat and passenger, STAT, S/U in M/Y Durlach.

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OPERATIONS NO. 423 TR/24/14/9 Continued.

(Called in). Train W/40 flat, box and tank cars mvg W at R-6240.(Called in and pranged by P-47s, resulting in destruction of at least 10 cars, inc. 3 tank cars and a damaged loco. 2 S/E working in M/Y at Pforzheim, M/Y 1/3 full. Passenger train, 8 cars, STAT, S/U fac E at R-6247. Train, 2 locos, 30 plus box and loaded flat cars, STAT, S/U fac S at R-5456.(Called in). Train W/30 box and flat cars, STAT, emitting large quantity of steam, prob damaged, fac N at R-6158. 1 S/E a/c on SE corner of A/D at Gros Sachsenheim. A/D serv. 4 HVY A/A guns at R-4128. ENEMY AIR: 3 a/c believed to be ME-109s flying 270°, 8 miles E of Karlsruhe at 9000' at 0840. Unable to make possitive identity. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0755-0930. WEATHER: 10/10 2-4000' base 9000 top S & E of Karlsruhe. CAVU N of Karlsruhe.

B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "F". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 5:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-120rds. (iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 424 TR/1/14/1

A. 2 F6Cs from 0730-0955. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 12 pontoons on each side of river at R-2222. Homburg M/Y 1/3 full, 3 trains, 20 cars each, STAT, S/U; 1 train fac SW, 2 trains fac NE(Called to Baggage). 1 Train 15 boxcars, 15 flat cars with M/T or tanks mvg SE at Q-7183.(Called to Baggage). F/Bs bombed train at Q-9374, resulting in large smoke columns coming up. F/Bs bombed train at Q-8874. F/Bs bombed factory at Q-9072. 2 Holes in roof of factory. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: I-A-1, Q-8871. S-I-L, Homburg. PHOTOS: Oblique of train at Q-7183. Altitude 2000' on 330° course at 0930 hours. RADIO-CONTACT: Good TIME-OVER AREA: 0750-0930. WEATHER: S Strassbourg 10/10 base 3000, N of Strassbourg CAVU w/haze in valleys.

B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:50 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii)-(iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 425 TR/10/14/6

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1100-1300. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 20 boxcars at Q-9073. Freshly dug trench from Zweibrucken to Q-8070. Zweibrucken M/Y 1/2 full of boxcars and coal cars, no activity. Fire among boxcars at Q-6981. 25 Boxcars at Q-7184. Neunkirchen M/Y 1/3 full boxcras, 1 train 5 passenger cars mvg E at Q-5784 (Called to Baggage). 50 Boxcars on tracks, 1 mile S of Ottweiler. 15 B/C sticking out of N side of tunnel at L-6313. Large military camp at L-6923. 2 M/T mvg SW at L-7324. 1 M/T mvg SW at L-6133. 100 B/C on sidings at L-6032. 100 B/C at M-0734 M/Y Kaiserlautern 1/3 full, no activity. 1 M/T mvg N at Q-7182. 50 B/C at L-5902. 50 ö coal cars by quarry at L-6005. 1 train, 4 passenger cars mvg SW at L-8212 (Called to Controller). ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115-1245. WEATHER: 1/10 at 2-3000' base, scattered thru entire area.

B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) - (vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 426 TR/2/14/2

A. 2 F6Cs from 1025-1225. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 4 HDT mvg N at R-0936. 3 large concrete emplacements vic R-1440 & vic R-2731. NMS landau - R-1747. Large dump with earthen covered furrows at R-1656. 1 M/T STAT fac W R-1656. 1 HDT mvg N at R-3151. 7 Sections of pontoons in stream at R-4758. Concrete tank barrier running E from R-1753 for 5 miles. Pirmasens M/Y empty, no activity. ENEMY AIR: 1 ME-262 mvg N over Strassbourg at 40,000' at 1155. ENEMY WEATHER: 2/10 at 3000' base-Pirmasens. Karlsruhe area CAVU. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. ENEMY FLAK: Scant, Inac.-Lt, R-2734. RADIO-CONTACT: Good.

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B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 427 TR/28/14/28

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1130-1330 To recce in "Arty/R" Area. OBSERVATIONS: T/G RR overpass at Q-726699. Contacted battery at 1152. Radio reception was good. 1st Round - Lost 2nd Rd. - Lost 3rd Rd. - Lost 4th Rd - Deflection correct, add 400. 5th Rd. - Not observed jumped by P-47s. ME-262 above. 6th Rd.-Not Observed. 7th Rd. Deflection correct, drop 100-round hit building knocking it down. 8th Rd. 100 right, repeat range. 9th Rd. - Deflection correct-add 100. 10th Rd.- Deflection correct, add 100.-round landed 100 yards from target. Battery told flight to return to base. Checked out with Quartpot 1305. 5 Scattered ambulances mvg N at Q-7168 to Q-7369. Hospital at Q-730679. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Obliques of overpass at Q-726699 from 9000' on 90° course 1220 hours; other oblique of A/A positions Q-7072 from 9000' on 90° course 1230 hours. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA : 1145-1310 WEATHER: CAVU except for scattered clouds. 3/10 at base 3000'.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking T/G at Q-726699 (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 428 TR/22/14/12

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1125-1335. To recce from "Route 1" OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Karlsruhe 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Durlach 1/4 full, NMS. 1 Train, 6 cars destroyed at R-6140, tracks out. M/Y at R-6442 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y Pforzheim 1/4 full, NMS. 1 Group of 50 boxcars at R-7942. M/Y at Muhlacken R-8140 1/3 full, NMS. 1 Train 20 boxcars appears to be destroyed at R-8541. Group of 100 B/C R-9341. 3 HE-111 a/c dispersed on NE corner of A/D at Sachsenheim R-9841. M/Y at S-0340. 1/4 full, NMS. 1 Train, 10 passenger cras fac S, STAT, S/U at S-0343, called controller at 1210. M/Y Heilbraun 1/3 full, 2 loco S/U working in yard. 20 B/C at S-0765 STAT, on main line. M/Y at S-0184, 40 boxcars, NMS. 1 Train, 20 boxcars at R-9886 mvg N. 1 Train 30 ~~xxxxx~~ boxcars mvg S at R-9890.(Couldn't contact controller). 50 Boxcars at R-9392 STAT. M/Y at R-9197 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y at R-8495, 1/10 full, NMS. M/Y at R-8091 1/4 full, NMS. Between R-8684 and R-8788, 100 boxcars parked in groups of 10-15. M/Y S Heidelberg 1/3 full, 1 loco S/U working in yard. M/Y W Heidelberg 1/3 full, NMS. 1 loco S/U mvg SE into Heidelberg. M/Y SE Mannheim 1/3 full, 4 locos S/U working in yard (Couldn't contact controller). M/Y NE Schwetzingen, 4/5 full, NMS. 1 loco S/U heading N at R-5983. 20 boxcars parked at R-5563. 2 large fires in S part of M/Y at R-6359. 1 in NW corner as result of bombing by P-47s at 1255-M/Y 1/3 full. Several buildings on fire at R-5248. ENEMY AIR: 2 Jet a/c, 1 heading N, 1 heading S at 40,000', over Karlsruhe at 1300. ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Oblique of Storage dump, R-6284, from 2500' on 0° course at 1245 hours. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME-OVER AREA: 1155-1305. WEATHER: CAVU except 1/10 5000' base-S of Strasbourg.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking "Route 1" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:20 hours.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 429 TR/3/14/3

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1330-1530. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: RR trks cut at R-1138. M/Y Landau 1/4 full, no activity. 2 M/T mvg N at Q-9436. 5 large sheds one of which is burning at R-3147. 1 Large passenger vehicle (bus) mvg N at R-3453. 15 M/T scattered thru town at R-3453 fac all directions. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H, Bitche. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1515 WEATHER: CAVU with slight haze. Wooded area 3/10 at 6000' base.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C Nil
D 4:00 hours.
E 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 430 TR/11/14/7

A. 2 F6Ds from 1330-1545. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y W edge of Kaiserlautern 1/2 full. 2 Trains, 30 B/C each, STAT, S/U, Fac W, 1 Loco, STAT, S/U. 5 M/T, 2 STAT, 3 mvg S at M-0732. Road blocks open at M-0836 & M-0732. M/Y Bad Kreuznach, N, 1/2 full, NMS. 4 M/T STAT, M-1339. 50 M/T in park at Wolfstein (L-9010), called to Baggage and bombed by P-47s(8). M/Y W of Homburg 1/3 full on siding which appeared to be knocked out. 2 Trains, 30 mixed cars, each STAT, S/U, Facing NW in M/Y at Zweibrucken(Called to Baggage). M/Y Kurn empty. Military camp, 15-20 bldgs at L-7931. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-H Kaiserlautern PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1345-1530. WEATHER: 2-3/10 4000'-5000'.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "C" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:30 hours. G. Nil
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii) 420 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 431 PR/228

A. 2 F6Cs from 1400-1625. To recce and photo in Landau Area. OBSERVATIONS: No pictures taken due to mechenical failure of camera. 2 large fires as result of bombing at R-3062. 1Train, 8 B/Cs fac N in flames and exploding at R-4060; numerous fires in woods just E of RR. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: M-A-I, R-1224. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1605. WEATHER: 1-2/10 at 5000' in Landau vicinity. Remainder of area CAVU.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Landau Area (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:50 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 600 rds (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 432 PR/87 and PR/223

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1345-1620. To recce and photo OBSERVATIONS: Photo mission. No observations made. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Oblique of strip R-1419 and R-1716 from 3000' on 150°, at 1445 hrs. Vert. of Radar Sight at R-344005 from 10,000' on 360° at 1530 hours. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1415-1600 WEATHER: CAVU W of Rhine; 3/10 base 4000' Photo area.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area (iii)-(vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 5:10 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 450 rds. (iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 433 TR/25/14/10

A. 1 F6B & 1F6D from 1525-1805 To recce in Area "F" OBSERVATIONS: NMS Strassbourg-Karlsruhe. RR Bridge at Rastatt out. 8 Serv. HWYs bridges at Rastatt. M/Y at E Karlsruhe empty,NMS. M/Y Pforzheim 1/3 full, 1 loco S/U, STAT. HWY & RR bridge Pfortz serv. Train 25 box cars mvg S at R-7125. Called to Baggage. P-47s D/B HWY bridge over M/Y in Calw (R-7314). Results U/O. Train, 20 cars, STAT, S/U, bombed by P-47s, loco destroyed at R-7309. HWY bridge over RR at R-9411 serv. M/Y at Boblingen empty. M/Y Herrenberg empty. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: I-A-H Calw. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1745. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6B and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "F" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 5:20 hours. G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 434 TR/ 23/14/13

A. 1 F6B and 1 F6C from 1525-1740 To recce in Area "Route 1". OBSERVATIONS: NMS Karlsruhe to Ludwigshaven. 1 Switch-engine, STAT, S/U in M/Y at Ludwigshaven, yard 1/3 full. M/Y Heidelberg 1/3 full, 1 switch engine working. Factory activity Ebenbach. Entire wooded area filled with camouflaged dump consisting of at least 35 buildings and 1 train with 3 cars moving NE at R-9775. 1 Train, 20 boxcars, moving NW at S-0472. Factory activity at S-0866. 1 Train, 15 boxcars and tank cars STAT, S/U facing E at Heilbronn. 2 S/E and 6 T/E a/c on A/D at Gros Sachsensheim. Approx. 150 tank cars between Bretter and Muhlacken. 1 Switch engine, STAT, S/U, at Muhlacken. NMS Pforzheim. Radio tower at R-440275. Military camp with 3 camouflaged buildings at R-3814. 8 M/T at scattered moving S between Buhl and Offenburg. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1545-1715. WEATHER: CAVU
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking "Route 1" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 4:30 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 435 TR/12/14/18

A. 2 F6Cs from 1635-1810. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: Train, 20 cars, STAT, S/U, facing SE at Kaiserlautern. NMS Kaiserlautern-Bad Kreuznach. 2 RR bridges out at M-0937. 1 Train, 30 cars, STAT, S/U, facing N in M/Y at Bad-Kreuznach. (NE side). 1 train 40 box cars and passenger cars, STAT, S/U, facing S in M/Y at Bad Kreuznach (N side). Factory active at M-0434. 50 box cars and 50 hospital cars at L-5409. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, at L-5409. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1650-1750. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3:10 hours. G. Nil
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 436 TR/4/14/4

A. 1 F6C and 1 F6D from 1630-1800 To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NMS on RR from Lauterburg to Sessenheim. RR made unserviceable by 4-5 cuts from Lauterburg to Sessengeim. 2 M/T moving W at R-1033. 8 Pillboxes on top of hill in vic. of R-1235 approx 3 gun positions unoccupied around each pillbox. 3 camouflaged buildings in edge of woods at R-140325. Military camp, 15-20 buildings, in clearing at R-0525. Grass fires at R-0924. Undamaged military camp, 10 plus buildings at Q-8049. Fire in woods at Q-825425. Fire in NE corner of Hageneau. Factory burning in Bischweiler. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H, at R-2626. PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1645-1745. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6C and 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil F. Nil
D. 3:00 G. Nil
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H Nil.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

A.P.O. #274, U. S. Army,
6 March 1945.

SUBJECT: OPERATIONS.

TO : Commanding General XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General (4th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

RECEIVED MAR 8 1945 653.3021

OPERATIONS No. 19 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 5 March 1945.
Operations Order No. 49, 52 and 53 (4th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 49. 12 P-47Ds off at 1055 on armed reconnaissance of route #3. Weather obscured area, flight requested "Pineapple" from controller and received Pirmasens as target. TOT 1215, bombs dropped from 5000', no results observed. 10 a/c landed at 1320; 2 at 1120. No flak. ~~Weather 8/10 covered from 1000 to 8000'.~~ **13 x 500 RDX, 7 x 500 GP expended.**

A. AO 52. 12 a/c off at 0845 on pre-briefed bombing mission of tank repair shops at Q-944924. Before reaching target flight was vectored by ground controller to 3 trains W. of Zweibrucken. Train of 15 to 20 cars at Q-9992 bombed from 4000' with 1 direct hit and several near misses. TOT 0955. All a/c landed at 1045. Guns strafed and silenced, locomotive and tender, 15 boxcars on siding strafed. Flak: Moderate accurate 40 and 88mm from Q-9972, scant inaccurate 20mm from Q-8276,. Weather - 5/10s over entire route. **24 x 500 RDX expended.**

A. AO 53. 12 a/c off at 1110 on pre-briefed bombing mission of rail cuts on main routes. TOT 1200. All a/c landed at 1335. Flt at R-2974 bombed from 3500' with 2 direct hits, 1 flight bombed marshalling yards at R-2984 with 6 direct hits from 4500'. Moderate heavy accurate flak from R-2984. Weather-5/10ths covered from 3000 to 8000'. **12 x 500 GP, 12 x 500 RDX expended.**

B. 1. 36 P-47Ds
2. 34 P-47Ds
3. 2 P-47Ds, tachometer out and wingman returned also.
4. 5. 6. Nil
7. 1 P-47D category #1.
8. 36

C. 1. 17 x 150 gal. belly tanks.
19 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. Nil

D. 1.. 78 hours
2. Nil

E. 1. 112,000 x .50 cal.
2. 35,625 x .50
3. Nil

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F. 1. 19 x 500 GP.
52 x 500 RDX.
2. 19 x 500 GP.
49 x 500 RDX.
3. and 4. Nil.

G. Nil

H. 1. thru 3. Nil

I. Claims on ground.

2 rail cuts.
5 boxcars destroyed.
4 tank cars destroyed.
16 boxcars damaged.
1 locomotive destroyed.
1 locomotive damaged.

For the Group Commander:

Thos F. Cook, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE) E-I-S

APO 374, U.S.ARMY,
6 March, 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 298.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Officer.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 298 for 24 Hours ending sunset 5 March 1945.
Operations Order No. A.O. 1, XII Fighter Command.

AO 1 One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0734 hours, 5 March 1945, Lt. Lundberg leading, 12 P47D's took off and completed Mission. Primary target was not reached or attacked due to overcast. Squadron Eggbasketing in the vicinity of PINMASSENS, dropped 14 x 500 RDX and 8 x 500 TNT bombs. No results were observed. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 0916 hours.

B. 12 x P47D
2- 12
3 thru 7 Nil
8. 12 Sorties.

C. None.
D. 20 hours x P47D
E. 1. 22, 800 rds x 50 cal.
2. None.

F. 1. 14 x 500 RDX, Normal.
8 x 500 TNT, 8-11 Sec.

2. 14 x 500 RDX, Normal.
8 x 500 TNT, 8-11 Sec.

3. 4. None.

G.H.I. NIL.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY L. IZZO,
1st Lt., AAF Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY CLAIM SHEET

1. Hq. 86th Fighter Group AAF
Group or Separate Squadron

2. 5 March 1945
Date of Report

	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
M/T	1	
Tanks		
RR Locomotives		
RR Cars	5	
Gun Positions		1
RR Bridges		
Highway Bridges		
Ammunition Dumps		
Supply Dumps		
Fuel Dumps		
Radar Stations		
Mobile Guns		
Horse Drawn Vehicles		
Aircraft on Ground		
Miscellaneous Buildings	3	
All Other Claims		

	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Ships and Small Boats			

	COMPLETELY	PARTIALLY
No. Road Blocks		
No. Railroad Cuts		

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 5 Mar 45 Mission No. 3104

1. No. Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1100 Time Down 1330 Total Hours 30:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather Overcast from 1200' to 8500'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Pineapple and armed recce in area #1 | b. Time over Objective: 1215 | c. No. A/C Attacking: 12 | d. Alt. of Release: 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs 0

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	24				

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
Nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	2248

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	R-2766
Light	Accurate	Intense	R-4765

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil | Location | Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~Lost~~ Damaged: 2 P-47D
7966 Cat #1
076 Cat #2
b. Cause: Enemy flak
c. Crew Casualties: Nil
d. A/C Rtd From MIA: Nil MIA on Miss. No.
e. MIA - Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil | E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) | E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Fighter formation. Squadron attacked RR marshalling yard at Landau (R-2766). 4 hits cut rails in two places in marshalling yard and destroyed 5 RR cars. 12 hits on buildings to E & E of tracks destroyed 3 buildings and damaged several others. 2 hits in town of Landau. 6 misses. 1 MT destroyed at R-4765.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

Jesse R. Core
Signature
JESSE R. CORE, AUS
Captain, Air Corps,
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Group ..... Sq. ..... Date ..... Mission No. .....

1. No. Off ..... (No., Type Model) Time Up ..... Time Down ..... Total Hours ..... (By Type A/C

2. Type Mission ..... 3. Weather .....

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type ..... Reason ..... *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type ..... Reason .....

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: ..... *b.* Time over Objective ..... *c.* No. A/C Attacking ..... *d.* Alt. of Release .....

6. *a.* Escorted by ..... *b.* Escorting .....
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs ..... Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs .....

7.

Type Esplosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned ..... Number ..... Reason ..... Location .....

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM ..... Carried ..... Expended .....

9. Type Flak ..... Accuracy ..... Intensity ..... Location (grid coordinate) .....

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered ..... Location ..... Aggressiveness .....

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses ..... *b.* Cause ..... *c.* Crew Casualties .....

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA ..... MIA on Miss. No. ..... *e.* MIA - Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded ..... MIA on Miss. No. .....

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) ..... E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) ..... E/A Damaged (No. & Type) .....

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 5 Mar 1945 Mission No. 3105

1. No Off 10 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1040 Time Down 1220 Total Hours 15:50 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather Saarbrucken: 10/10 4-7,500'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 P-47D # 952	Vertigo

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

5. a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point: Attack supplies and Ammo at Q-385896. b. Time over Objective 1125 c. No. A/C Attacking 9 d. Alt. of Release 12,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 10 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500 GP	.1 N..025 T.	20	18				0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500 GP	2	Vertigo (Pilot)	Q-2822 in Lake

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
50	25,000	0

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
nil			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No.
SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil	nil	nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute and over target. Called Controller (Pelican) for egg basket. 18 bombs dropped from 12,000' through overcast approximate area Northwest of Neunkirchen (Q-6283, no results observed. Weather: Enroute and return: 10/10 cover 4,500'-7,500' enroute. 10/10 cover 8,000'-icing in clouds at 5,000' down to 2,000' return. 10/10 cover at 2,000' over field.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 5 March 45 Mission No. 3106

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0915 Time Down 1050 Total Hours 19:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing & Strafing. 3. Weather 10/10, top 8000'-bottom, rain, broken clouds at 2000', Vis. 4 mi. T/A

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type: Nil; Reason:
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: Nil; Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Concentration of troops & vehicles, located in town of Schoeneck Q-4169. b. Time over Objective: 1000 c. No. A/C Attacking: 12 d. Alt. of Release: 3500'-750'

6. a. Escorted by: Nil b. Escorting: Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	22				Nil	Nil

Exolosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500GP	2	Pilot error	Q-4823

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	1000

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	acc	int	Saarbrucken Q-4372
Lt	inacc	int	T/A Q-4169

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft XXXXX: 42-75649, & 44-20340, Cate. #2; 9340, & 777, Cate. #1 b. Cause: flak; flak c. Crew Casualties: Nil; Nil
d. A/C Rt'd From MIA: Nil MIA on Miss. No.: Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded: Nil MIA on Miss. No.: Nil

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Tactical formation enroute. Located target and bombed after Allsquare OK'd same, without smoking by artillery. Glide bombed target, releasing bombs from 3500 to 750 ft. All bombs hit in town or immediate T/A; when last flight went down, whole town was obscured by smoke and debris. Bombs concentrated on either end of town. 10 a/c strafed in dive. One a/c strafed 4 gun pits, firing, north of target, silencing one.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6 *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
5 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 5 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2932 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0940 down at 1055, target, town at Q-3970, bomb run to 1500', 13 hits in town, no results observed as town was already burned out. 2 A/C returned early, 1 bellied in 6 miles SE of lake at Q-2823, pilot O.K., jettisoned 3 x 500 GP at Q-2823 and 2 x 500 GP, location unknown, 3 jettisoned safe at Q-4630, 1 exploded. Intense LAA & scant small arms fire from target. Weather: 8/10ths 3000', top unknown from base to Saare Union, 10/10ths 3000' from Sarre Union to target. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #2, engine failure. Bombs exp: 13 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2933 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1030 down at 1220, target, 60 plus flat cars loaded with tanks & trucks at Q-692750. T.O.T. 1120, bomb run to 1000', 5 direct hits oncenter of train, 6 cars & 4 tanks destroyed, 1 tank probable destroyed, 3 hits SE of train, 3 cars & 4 MT destroyed, 12 near misses. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned 3 x 500 lb RDX in lake at Q-2724, no sortie. Mod. LAA & scant HAA at target. Weather 10/10ths 4000' - 7000' in target area. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #2. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 lb RDX.

Mission 2934 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1100 down at 1240, target, cut RR between R-0268 & Landau, bombed tracks at R-208688. T.O.T. 1200, bomb run to 2000', 3 hits on rails, 1 rail cut, 3 hits on road at R-205688, 1 road block, 6 hits in town at R-202689, 4 buildings destroyed, 2 hits on small factory type building, badly damaging it, 3 misses, 5 unobserved. 2 A/C strafed loco & 10 boxcars at R-170675, no claims, strafed 2 horse drawn vehicles at R-257650, 1 damaged. Scant LAA from target. Weather 10/10ths 1000' - 7000' base to Landau. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2935 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1115 down at 1305, target, cut RR between R-0268 & Landau. 4 A/C bombed at R-249676. T.O.T. 1155, bomb run to 1000', 3 hit road to N, road block, 5 hits N in buildings, 2 buildings destroyed, 3 hits near tracks & road, possibly getting rails. 4 A/C bombed M/Y at R-247676, bomb run to 3000', 6 hits NW on siding, 1 tank car damaged, 2 misses to S, 3 on siding. Weather 10/10ths 3000' - 7000' & haze underneath all the way. Bombs exp: 19 x 500 lb RDX, 3 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2936 (Weather recce)

2 P-47s, 1 of 314th & 1 of 315th Fighter Squadrons on weather recce mission up at 1540 down at 1640, target, buildings at Q-475590. T.O.T. 1615, bomb run to 1500', 5 hits in buildings, one explosion in warehouse type building, 2 buildings destroyed. Scant small arms fire from target. Weather 10/10ths 2000' lowering in spots to 1500', hole over target. Bombs exp: 5 x 500 lb GP.

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

WEATHER RECCE MISSION 5 MARCH 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	2
	(ii)	2
	(viii)	2
Note 5 D	(i)	2:10
Note 6 E	(i)	4,000
	(ii)	1,500
Note 7 F	(i)	5 x 500 lb GP
	(ii)	5 x 500 lb GP

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	16	
	(ii)	13	
	(iii)c.	3	
	(vii)	1	Engine failure, Cat. #2
		1	Flak, Cat. #2
	(viii)	16	
C	(i)	2	75 gal.
	(ii)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	22:45	
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000	
	(ii)	2,640	
Note 7 F	(i)	21 x 500 lb GP	
		23 x 500 lb RDX	
	(ii)	13 x 500 lb GP	
		20 x 500 lb RDX	
	(iii)	8 x 500 lb GP	
		3 x 500 lb RDX	

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	16
	(ii)	16
	(viii)	16
Note 5 D	(i)	28:00
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000
	(ii)	6,400
Note 7 F	(i)	19 x 500 lb RDX
		25 x 500 lb GP
	(ii)	19 x 500 lb RDX
		25 x 500 lb GP

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	4	
Tanks	4	1
RR cars	9	1
Horse drawn vehicles		1
Buildings	8	1

	Complete
Road blocks	2
RR cuts	1

For the Group Commander:

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JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP EG/4
APO 374 U.S. Army

7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 232 for the period ending Sunset 5 March 1945.

4. Operations No.: A.O. 15 and 16. Rail Interdiction Missions.

A. A.O. 15 12 P-47s of the 366th Squadron dispatched at 0946 on rail interdiction and A/R. Squadron carried 35 x 500# GP bombs fused 8-11 sec. Route flown was base to Homburg to Zweibrucken to Landau to base. In target area, 1025 - 1115 hours. Entering recce area, squadron was directed by "Pelican" to a train east of Zweibrucken; train not located because area was closed in. Squadron was not able to attack Hochspeyer-Neustadt line due to low overcast in the mountains. 9 GPs were dropped on M/Y at Neustadt; 3 direct hits on large workshop building adjacent to yard; 6 bombs not observed to go off - claim 1 building destroyed. 3 GPs dropped on rails at R-2969 - not seen to explode. 9 GPs dropped on 40 box cars and 10 coaches stationary at R-1783 - claim 4 cars destroyed by direct hits and 1 rail cut in two places. 3 gps dropped on 15 box cars at R-1783 - no hits. 8 GPs dropped on SE end of tunnel believed to be at R-1468; 2 hits in mouth, 2 misses and other 4 not observed - claim 1 rail cut. 3 GPs dropped on rails at R-2068 - not seen to explode. Observations along route: 1 M/T (large white van) going west at Q-8052; 1 loco, steam up, in M/Y at Neustadt - no other activity seen in yard. Enemy a/c observed: 2 jets at 18,000 ft, flying north down Rhine Valley, N of Wissembourg, 1115 hours, no contact; 20 contrails climbing in circles, 20,000 ft, 15 miles W of Karlsruhe, 1115 hours. Flak: moderate light at Neustadt M/Y, R-2068 and R-1268. Losses: 1 P-47 damaged by flak, Cat 1. Weather: 8/10s, 2,500 - 8,000 ft, with visibility below, 5 miles, above unlimited, in Kaiserslautern-Neustadt area; 10/10 to the S of that area. Down at base 1145 hours.

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A.O. 16 12 P-47s of the 365th Squadron dispatched at 1035 hours on r rail interdiction. Each a/c carried 3 x 500# GPs, 8-15 sec. Route flown was base to Kaiserslautern to Neustadt to base. In target areas 1120 - 1210 hours. "Gosling Pink" gave the squadron a "Pineapple", 5 tanks and 45 M/Ts parked on road at R-145825, facing S. 30 bombs dropped on "Pineapple" target - claim 5 M/Ts destroyed, 3 half tracks destroyed, and 1 road block; 24 M/Ts were damaged by strafing. 6 bombs dropped on Iggelsbach(R-1382) - 2 buildings destroyed and 3 damaged. Observations along route: at R-135845, 30 M/Ts parked off road, under trees; at R-145820, 5 M/Ts parked off road, under trees; at R-080830, 12 M/Ts parked off road, under trees; at Edesheim (R-2974), 2 tanks and 4 M/Ts in town and 20 box cars in M/Y; and at R-146786, 6 M/Ts parked off road, under trees. No e/a encountered. Flak: scant light at Lambrecht and Frankenstein. No losses. Weather: E of Neustadt, 7/10s, 3,000 - 4,500 ft, and 10/10s, 5,000-7,000 ft, with visibility 5-6 miles; W of Neustadt, 10/10s, deck to 10,000 ft, with rain and snow, and also icing at 1,000 ft. Down at base, 1250 hours.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Neustadt.
Rails at R-2969.
40 box cars & 10 coaches at R-1783.
15 box cars @ R-1783.
SE end of tunnel believed @ R-1468.
Rails @ R-2068.
12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
5 tanks & 45 M/Ts @ R-145825; also strafed.
Iggelsbach (R-1382)
24 a/c completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 1 a/c damaged by flak, Cat 1.
(viii) 24.

C. Nil

D. (i) 55:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 4,310 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 71 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail, M113. 8-11,15 sec.
(ii) 71 GPS expended as follows:-
9 GPs on M/Y at Neustadt. (6 GPs did not go off)
3 GPs on rails at R-2969. (3 GPs did not go off)
9 GPs on 40 box cars & 10 coaches @ R-1783.

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3 GPs on 15 box cars at R-1783.
8 GPs on SE end of tunnel believed at R-1468.
3 GPs on rails at R-2068. (did not explode)
30 GPs on 5 tanks & 45 M/Ts at R-145825: also strafed.
6 GPs on Iggelsbach (R-1382).

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 5
c) 24
2. Armored Vehicles & Tansk
a) 3
4. Railroad Cars
a) 4
9. Buildings & Factories
a) 3
c) 3
10. Road Cuts
a) 2
11. RR Cuts
a) 2

4. Operations No.: A.O. 20. Armed Recce Mission.

A. A.O. 20 12 P-47s of 367th Squadron dispatched at 0950 hours to recce Homburg - Kaiserslautern - Neustadt - Bellheim - Luaterburg area, with [redacted]-441797 as alternate target. Squadron carried 24 x 500# GPs and 12 x 260# frags, inst. fusing; 1 GP was dropped on take-off, and 2 GPs jettisoned in vicinity of Pirmasens (release Malfunction). Route flown in base to [redacted]-441797 to Homburg to Kaiserslautern to Neustadt to base. In target area 1045 - 1105 hours. Squadron found 10/10s cloud in alternate target area with base too low for bombing; continued on to area of Kaiserslautern tunnels. 8 GPs and 2 frags dropped on tunnel at R-206891 - no claim. 2 frags on loco and 30 cars at R-280867, facing E - 4 cars destroyed and RR cut by direct hits; 5 cars damaged by strafing. 7 GPs dropped on tunnel at R-199900 - no claim on tunnel, but RR cut on [redacted] end. 4 frags dropped on 3 long buildings at R-138689 - NRO. 6 GPs and 3 frags on small M/T at R-184915 - 1 M/Y attacked and 3 box cars destroyed by direct hits. 1 frag dropped on M/Y at R-151834 - 1 M/Y attacked. Strafing attacks elsewhere with claims: at R-246935, 5 M/Ts destroyed and 7 damaged; at R-185822, 1 staff car destroyed; at R-184915, 1 factory in town damaged; at R-190991, 1 M/T destroyed; at R-250805, 1 glass top tower damaged. E/A sighted: 2 Me-262's at 25,000 ft, heading W, 8-10 miles S of Karlsruhe, at 1030

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hours; and 2 Me-262's, same place, 20,000 ft, also heading W, 1130 hours. Flak: scant light at R-2886 and R-246935. No losses. Weather: 8/10s, 2,500-4,000 ft; visibility 5 miles. Down at base 1205 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-206891
Loco & 30 cars at R-280867; also strafed
Tunnel at R-199900.
3 long buildings at R-138689.
M/Y at R-184915.
M/Y at R-151834.
Strafed: R-246935 - 12 M/Ts; R-185822 - 1 staff car;
R-184915 - 1 factory; R-190991 - 1 M/T;
R-250805 - 1 tower.
12 a/c completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12.

C. Nil

D. (i) 27:10
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 8,610 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs, fuzed - nose, M103; tail, M101A2.
12 - 260# Frag bombs, fuzed - nose, M103; tail nil.
(ii) 21 GPs and 12 frags were expended as follows:-
8 GPs and 2 frags on tunnel at R-206891.
2 Frags on Loco & 30 cars at R-280867.
7 GPs on tunnel at R-199900.
4 Frags on 3 long buildings at R-138689.
6 GPs and 3 frags on small M/Y at R-184915.
1 frag on M/Y at R-151834.
(iii) 2 GPs jettisoned vic of Pirmasens
(iv) 1 GP dropped off on take-off.

G. Nil

H. Nil

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I. 1. Military Transportation
a) 7
c) 7
4. Railroad Cars
a) 7
c) 5
9. Factories and Buildings
c) 2
11. Railroad Cut
c) 2
14. M/Y Attacked
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For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (H) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 MARCH 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 340th Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 5 Mar 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : Mission cancelled (Target Weather)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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1st Lt. Air Corps,
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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 140 for 24 hrs ending sunset 5 March 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 3919 TR/16/5/23

A. 2 F 6C's from 0800 to 0930 hrs to recce Mannheim, Pforzheim. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. WEATHER: 10/10 from 5000 ft to 7000 ft with snow, vis 1 mile. R/C: Good. TOA: 0815 to 0915 hrs.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3920 TR/20/5/19

A. 2 F 6C's from 0800 to 0930 hrs to recce Strassbourg, Stuttgart, Colmar. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 from 3500 to 7500 ft with vis 1 mile. TOA: 0815 to 0915 hrs.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3921 TR/5/5/15

A. 2 F 6C's from 0800 to 0915 hrs to recce Saarlautern, Pirmasens, St Ingbert, Homburg, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 7500 ft - base unknown. TOA: 0815 to 0900.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii): Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3922 TR/21/5/20

A. 2 F 6C's from 1005 to 1140 to recce Offenburg. OBSNS: N.M.S. Strassbourg to Offenburg or at Buhl. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 from 3000 to 8000 ft from Rhine to Pforzheim. Vis 1/2 miles Icing level 3-7000 ft. TOA: 1020 to 1110 hrs.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii)Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3923 TR/6/5/16

A. 2 F 6C's from 1010 to 1200 hrs to recce Saarbrucken, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens. OBSNS: 60 plus boxcars stat at Q-6669. 100 plus boxcars stat at Q-6672. 200 plus boxcars stat at Q-6874. 3 MT mvg N at Q-6874. 1 train with 60 plus flatcars loaded with trucks, jeeps, tanks, and other type vehicles at Q-6975. Called to controller, and contacted Crawford Flight Leader.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3923 TR/6/5/16 (cont'd)

Pilot led Crawford F/B leader to target, and obsvd three (3) direct hits on train, and wingman obsvd 3-4 direct hits. F/B's also straffed this target. Controller wanted to send one more flight of F/B's on above target, but Crawford leader told him the weather would not permit this. Mission then returned to base due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-acc at area south of Q-6975. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Nil. WEATHER: 10/10 from 2000 to 8000 ft, vis 1 to 2 miles over entire area. TOA: 1025 to 1145 hrs.

B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil (viii) Nil.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3924 TR/17/5/24

A. 2 F 6C's from 1020 to 1220 hrs to recce Mannheim, Heidelberg, Durlach. OBSNS: String of 20 plus oil cars, boxcars, and flatcars (empty) at R-5774, and loco mvg away (S) from cars. No pontoon bridge seen on Rhine from Lauterburg to Drusenheim. 4 barges on Rhine River between Speyer and Germersheim. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 9 to 10/10 from 2500 to 7000 ft Rhine Valley and East. TOA: 1040 to 1200.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3925 TR/7/5/17

A. 2 F 6C's from 1315 to 1430 hrs to recce Bitche, Pirmasens. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 1500 ft - top unknown - Saarbasin. TOA: 1350 to 1400.
B. 2 F 6C's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3926 TR/18/5/25 INEFFECTIVE

A. 2 F 6C's from 1320 to 1355 hrs to recce Mannheim, Karlsruhe Durlach.
B. (iii) Mission ineffective due to weather.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

5 March 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 171 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 5 March 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 606 TR/1/5/1

A. 2 F6D's from 0730-0925. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T moving N at R-0835. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L at R-1523. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0905. WEATHER: 10/10 2000 to 9500 feet in the Strassburg area, visibility 5 miles. 10/10 deck to 9000 N of Wissembourg, visibility zero in snow and rain.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3.50 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 607 TR/12/5/5

A. 2 F6C's from 0725-0855. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T moving E at R-0939. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0810. WEATHER: 10/10 base 5000 tops 8000. Hagusnau area 10/10 deck to 8000. North of Wissembourg snow.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 608 TR/24/5/9

A. 2 F6C's from 0730-0930. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0910. WEATHER: 10/10 tops 9500 base deck to 4000 with snowstorms.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 609 TR/9/5/13

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0845-1025. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: 2 M/T moving SW at Q-7085. 3 M/T STAT in town at Q-7085. 2 M/T moving N into Homburg. M/Y at Homburg 1/4 full, 3 locos working. 1 train 15 plus long box cars, STAT, S/U, facing N at Q-6981. 30 plus flat cars loaded with M/T, no loco, at Q-6975. M/Y at Zweibrucken 1/4 full, 3 locos working. 5 HDT moving N into Zweibrucken. 1 train 75 plus box cars STAT, S/U, facing W at Q-8072--called P-47's--who D/B, blowing one car in middle of train off of track, setting fire to last five cars, and cutting track at Q-7983. 2 M/T moving N at Q-9175. 1 loco working in M/Y W of Kaiserslautern, yard 1/3 full, but most of cars have been pranged. Factory activity in Neunkirchen. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H at Q-8495; S-I-L at Hornbach. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0900-1010. WEATHER: 9-10/10 base 2500 tops 7500 visibility 1 mile with scattered snow & rain.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3.20 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 610 TR/2/5/2

A. 2 F6C's from 1010-1210. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1032-1150. WEATHER: 10/10 8000 tops 4500-5000 base.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal.)ii) & (iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 611 TR/13/5/6

A. 2 F6C's from 1015-1230. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 3 M/T moving N into Kaiserslautern. M/Y W of Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y S of Kaiserslautern 1/4 full, NMS. 35 M/T, STAT, facing E between M-040003 and M-047005--an addition of 10 M/T to Report #12/3/5--some activity noted. 1 M/T moving N out of Ottenburg (M-025005.) 2 rail cuts at M-229054. Work progressing on Hwy cut at M-3306--Hwy almost serviceable. M/Y at Frankenthal 1/2 full, NMS. RR bridge and Hwy bridge at Worms appears serviceable. Autobahn bridge at M-4906 completely out. M/Y Worms 1/2 full, 2 trains, STAT, S/U, 30-40 box cars each facing N. 2 M/T moving W at M-249194. M/Y badly damaged at M-220141. 50-60 M/T parked on 4 roads within 1000 yard area of R-149830--called for F/B--led Gatepost squadron in, M/T bombed and strafed with excellent results. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030-1215. WEATHER: 9/10 500-6000, 10/10 6000-8000 S part of area. 8/10 2000 base becoming 10/10 at 6000 N part of area.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.30 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 612 TR/25/5/10

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1015-1200. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1040-1130. WEATHER: 10/10 cumulus from 6-8000 with heavy ice and snow.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3.30 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 613 TR/10/5/14

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6B from 1215-1335. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NTR Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L at R-2134. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1230-1300. WEATHER: 10/10 from 3000-8000 S of Strasbourg.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6B (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 2.40 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 614 A/28/5/28

A. 2 F6C's from 1300-1400. Arty/A in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Nil. Arrived over T/G and checked in with Mabel 2 at 1315 hrs -- recalled to base due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1315-1345. WEATHER: 10/10 from 5000-6000 feet.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 2.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

WILLIAMS, S-3,
FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. SQ., APO 394 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 339 for 24 hours ending sunset
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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th ~~Night Fighter~~ Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/5/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No 567 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 5 March, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army,
9 March 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPREP A No. 15 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 8 March 1945.

No missions flown on above date.

IRA E. OVER JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE) E-I-5

APO 374, U.S.ARMY,
7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 301.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat, Officer.

Oprep A No. 301 for 24 hours ending sunset 8 March 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

Henry E. Izzo,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th, 526th, 527th Date 8 March 45 Mission No. No Operations

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

No operations for 8 March 1945 due to inclement weather.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core
JESSE R. CORE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
8 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 8 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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9 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer,
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 8 March 1945.

2. Oprep No. 235.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 8 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____

2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8 Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain - Air Corps,
Group Statistical Office

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 March 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Watkins Jr.
Signature

W. L. WATKINS, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 143 for 24 hrs ending sunset 8 March 1945. SECRET.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

8 March 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 174 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 8 March 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FORM 34A.

TO: H. Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 342 for 24 hours ending sunset
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USAAF
FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/8/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 570 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 8, March, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U.S. Army,
8 March 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPREP A No. 14 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 7 March 1945.

No missions flown on above date.

IRA E. OVER, JR.,
Captain Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE) E-1-5

APO 374, U.S. ARMY
7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 300.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 300 for 24 hours ending sunset 7 March 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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20 October 1944
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th, 526th, 527th Date 7 March 45 Mission No. No Operations

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

No operations for this organization on 7 March 1945 due to inclement weather.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core
JESSE R. CORE, AOG
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 7 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions.

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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9 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 7 March 1945.

2. Oprep No 234.

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 7 MARCH 19 45 Mission No.

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission: *b.* Escorted by:

3. Weather: CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER.

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target: (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A/C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature
FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 7 Mar 19 45 Mission No. No Mission

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Mission cancelled(local & Target weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. ROBIN, JR.,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 142 for 24 hrs ending sunset 7 March 1945. SECRET

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER, 1st Lt
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

7 March 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force(Prov).

FROM : 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 173 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 7 March 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE

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FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 341 for 24 hours ending sunset
7 March 1945

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TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/7/45 [redacted]:

OPREP A No. 569 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 7 March, 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to poor weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO #374, U. S. Army,
7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer.)

OPREP A No. 13 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 6 March 1945.

No missions flown on above date.

IRA E. OVER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
7 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 299.

TO : Commanding General, All Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Cont.

Oprep A No. 299 for 24 Hours, ending sunset 6 March 1945.

1. A negative report is hereby submitted.

For the Group Commander:

HENRY B. IZZO,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th, 526th, 527th. Date 6 March 1945 Mission No. No Operations.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

No operations in this Group for 6 March 1945.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core

JESSE R. CORE,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
6 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 6 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

No Missions

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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9 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, a negative report is submitted for the period ending 6 March 1945.

2. Oprep No. 233.

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 6 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____

2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - BASE WEATHER

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM ____ Carried ____ Expended ____

9. Type Flak ____ Accuracy ____ Intensity ____ Location (Grid Coordinate) ____

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered ____ Location ____ Aggressiveness ____

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II) ____

b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown) ____

c. Crew Casualties (By position for a\|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW) ____

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ____ (Date)

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit ____

b. Probable No. & Type - Credit ____

c. Damaged No. & Type ____

Forrest E. Dukes Jr.
Signature

FORREST E. DUKES, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Group Statistical Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Bomb Group Squadrons [illegible]

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 6 March 19 45 Mission No. [illegible]

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours

2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :

3. Weather : Cancelled (weather)

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Robin Jr.
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W. L. ROBIN, JR.
1st. Lt., Air Corps
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM : 111th TAC RCN SQ. SECRET

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 141 for 24 hrs ending sunset 6 March 1945.

NO OPERATIONS DUE TO WEATHER.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO #374 US ARMY

6 March 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : [redacted]

OPREP A NO. 172 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 6 March 1945.

NO MISSIONS FLOWN THIS DATE.

WILLIAMS, S3,
FOR WARE, CO.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RECON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 340 for 24 hours ending sunset
6 March 1945

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/6/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No 568 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 6 March 1945.

A. One Beaufighter airborne during the period. Patrol and weather check in Strasbourg area. Mission from 18:15 to 19:20. Contacted Churchman and was turned over to Blunder. Blunder put us on Bogey at 18:40 at a vector of 030 at Angels 12, followed Bogey for approx. 5 minutes. No contact made. Bogey went off GCI scope. Broke off chase at 18:50. Returned to base due to weather. Pancaked at 19:20.

B. (i) One Beaufighter Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) One
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) One

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 1:05

E. (i) 1,000 x 20MM 6,000 x .303
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army,
5 March 1945.

SUBJECT: OPERA.

TO : Commanding General XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer.)
Commanding General 6/th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer.)

OPERA for the period 4 March 1945. No. 11.

No missions flown on the above date.

Ira E. Ober, Jr.
IRA E. OBER, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
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50TH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U S ARMY
5 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 247.

TO : Commanding General, AII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 247 for 24 hours ending sunset 4 March 1945.
Operations Order No. AO-1, 5, AII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0723 hours, 4 March 1945, Lt. Westerman leading. 15 P47D's took off, 1 aircraft was non-effective, due to weather, 10/10 coverage at 2,500 feet, Squadron jettisoned 25 x 500 lb. RDX bombs and 6 x 260 lb. fragmentation bombs in a lake at U-6820. 2 x 500 lb. RDX bombs were returned to the base. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 0837 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a Dive Bombing mission from A-96 at 0714 hours, 4 March 1945, Lt. Adkins leading. 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Due to weather, 10/10 coverage at 2,000 feet, squadron jettisoned 16 x 500 lb. RDX, 8 x M-17, and 10 x 260 lb. fragmentation bombs in a lake at U-4013, 24 x 4.5 rockets were returned to the base. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 0829 hours.

B. 1. 31 x P47D's.
2. 30.
3. 1-C-Rough engine.
4 thru 7, None.
8. 30 sorties.
C. None.
D. 1. 38:00 x P47D.
2. None.
E. 1. 58,900 x .50 cal.
2. None.
3. None.
F. 1. 43 x 500lb. RDX Normal.
16 x 260lb. Fragmentations
8 x M-17 Incendiary Clusters.
24 x 4.5 Rockets.
2. None.
3. 41 x 500 lb. RDX Normal.
16 x 260 lb. Frag.
8 x M-17 Incendiary Clusters.
4. 2 x 500 lb. RDX Normal. Returned to base.
24 x 4.5 Rockets. Returned to base.
G, H, I, None.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted] IZZO,
1st Lt., AII Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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DAILY CLAIM SHEET

1. Hq. 86th Fighter Group AAF
Group or Separate Squadron

2. 4 March 1945
Date of Report

	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
M/T	3	
Tanks		
RR Locomotives	8	
RR Cars	14	11
Gun Positions		
RR Bridges		
Highway Bridges		
Ammunition Dumps		
Supply Dumps		
Fuel Dumps		
Radar Stations		
Mobile Guns		
Horse Drawn Vehicles		
Aircraft on Ground		
Miscellaneous Buildings	4	
All Other Claims Trolley cars M/Y		2 1

	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Ships and Small Boats			

	COMPLETELY	PARTIALLY
No. Road Blocks		
No. Railroad Cuts	3	

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 4 March 45 Mission No. 3101

1. No. Off 12 P-47D's (No., Type Model) Time Up 0755 Time Down 0930 Total Hours 19:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing

3. Weather 10/10 5 to 6000 feet in entire area Layers under 800 ft to deck.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type — Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type — Reason

5.

a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Supply dump at Q-889747 Attacked Locomotive at R-4519	0900	12	1500 ft.

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500# Gp.	Inst.	24	24				

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
Nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal.	33,600	2650

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Moderate	R-4519
Light	Inaccurate	Scant	W-2099

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
Nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
Nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA - Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil		

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Fighter formation enrout e, Dive bombed from 4500 feet at a 60 degree angle with pull outs at 1500 feet. Weather prevented attacking assigned target. Attacked Live stationary locomotive headed North in marshalling yards at Gernbach, R-4519. Locomotive and 10 cars destroyed, 4 rail cuts. 4 other rail cars destroyed 100 yards south. 2 explosions resulted from the attack and 1 fire in town. 1 near miss on church, 6 other rail cars damaged.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

Jesse R. Core RAA
(Signature)
JESSE R. CORE,
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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group ..... Sq. ..... Date ..... Mission No. .....

1. No. Off ..... (No., Type Model) Time Up ..... Time Down ..... Total Hours ..... (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission ..... 3. Weather .....

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type ..... Reason ..... *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type ..... Reason .....

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: ..... *b.* Time over Objective ..... *c.* No. A/C Attacking ..... *d.* Alt. of Release .....

6. *a.* Escorted by ..... *b.* Escorting .....
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs ..... Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs .....

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned ..... Number ..... Reason ..... Location .....

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM ..... Carried ..... Expended .....

9. Type Flak ..... Accuracy ..... Intensity ..... Location (grid coordinate) .....

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered ..... Location ..... Aggressiveness .....

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses ..... *b.* Cause ..... *c.* Crew Casualties .....
d. A/C Rt'd From MIA ..... MIA on Miss. No. ..... *e.* MIA - Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded ..... MIA on Miss. No. .....

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) ..... E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) ..... E/A Damaged (No. & Type) .....

13. Narrative: Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 4 March 45 Mission No. 3102

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0805 Time Down 1010 Total Hours 22:20 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and Strafing

3. Weather 10/10 3000-17000'-1/2 mile v's. at 1500'- Snow-storms all over front line area.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
Nil	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
Nil	

5.

a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Supply & ammo Dump Q-385396. Alt: M/Y'S R-3837; R-3835; & R-4737.	0900	12	1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500GP	Inst	24	8	8	8		Nil	Nil

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
Nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	6250

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	acc	mod	Karlsruhe R-4848
Lt	inacc	mod	R-4541
Lt	inacc	mod	Rastatt R-3528
Lt	inacc	scant	R-3835
		scant	R-4030

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
Nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft damaged	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
955, Cate. #1	flak	Nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

SW, LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Bad weather made bombing of primary target impossible. Baggage gave a "Pineapple" to flight leader-Karsruhe M/Y.-but clouds at 3000' made it impossible to bomb this target-it was strafed later by Red flight- Red flight- 2x 500 des. 2 bldgs., 2 were near misses on tracks in station, 2 did not explode, 2 were misses., 5 box cars dam. by strafing, 3 m/T(loaded with supplies) des.-all at R-3837; several strafing passes made in Karlsruhe M/Y- destroying 7 live loco's(all blew up)-damaging a two car trolley, moving in town & loaded with personnel, strafed 3 large oil tanks-NRO. White flight-bombed station at R-3835-4 DH, cutting tracks, 4 were misses. Blue flight- bombed station at R-4737, 2 hit tracks, 2 destroyed 2 buildings- 4 were misses.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core RRR

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 4 Mar 1945 Mission No. 3103

1. No Off 11 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0840 Time Down 0945 Total Hours 11:55 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather Below in Narrative

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type: nil; Reason:
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: 11 P-47D; Reason: Weather enroute to target.

5. a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point: A/R: Saarbrueken, Neunkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Landau, Wissembourg, Blieskastel and Sarrgemund. Alt T: Supplies at Q-647684. b. Time over Objective: nil c. No. A/C Attacking: nil d. Alt. of Release: nil

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 11 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500 GP	.1 N..025 T.	22	0				0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500 GP	22	Could not reach target because of weather.	Z-8193

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
50	27,500	0

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
nil			

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties:

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil	nil	nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute and return. Baggage requested flight to return because of weather. 22 bombs jettisoned in open field at Z-8193, 2 were dropped armed and went off, no damage. Weather: West of Nancy 8/10 cover from deck to 1,000'. Northeast of Nancy cloud layers from 3,500'-15,000'. In spots overcast went to 20,000'. Ice conditions in clouds. South of Sarreguemines cloud layers. Flight heard other flight report Kaisersalutern, Karlsruhe area completely socked in.

For the Group Commander:

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Captain, Air Corps
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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 4 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2928 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0730 down at 0900, target cut RR between R-0268 & Landau flight bombed M/Y with 15 scattered boxcars at R-165674. T.O.T. 0815, bomb run to 1000', 2 hit in town S of RR 2 buildings destroyed, 10 hits in M/Y 2 of which hit cars causing large red flash, 5 cars destroyed, 4 hung up, 3 dropped at R-1766 & 1 at R-205555. 4 bombs dropped at R-387503, all unobserved. Flight strafed & damaged electric car. 2 bombs dropped at R-1766. Mod. LAA at R-165674, intense accurate LAA at R-383505. 2 A/C damaged, flak, 1 Cat. #1 & 1 Cat. #2. Weather 7/10ths at 4000' to target, at target another layer 9/10ths at 7000', haze between. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb RDX, 6 x 250 lb Demo.

Mission 2929 (Armed recce mission)

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0750 down at 0950, target M/Y at W-192882 - W-188900, 11 A/C bombed. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 2000', 30 hits in target area, also 18 rockets, 3 hits at W-170895, 15 boxcars destroyed & 15 damaged. 1 A/C returned early, jettisoned 2 x 500 RDX at Q-2822, 1 x 500 RDX jettisoned at Q-410172, 1 x 250 lb Demo jettisoned at Q-395034. Intense LAA & HAA at target. Weather, Saverne to Hagenau 10/10ths 3000' - 4000'. E. of target 10/10ths deck to 2500', rain & snow E. of Saarburg. Bombs exp: 17 x 500 lb RDX, 2 x 500 lb Incd. 14 x 250 lb Demo, 18 Rockets.

Mission 2930 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0830 down at 1005, target RR at W-233681. T.O.T. 0935, bomb run to 5000', 3 hits caused road block at W-237682, 6 near misses 13 misses. Intense LAA at target. Weather, base to target 10/10ths to 10,000' same at target with 1 hole. Bombs exp: 22 x 500 lb GP.

Mission 2931 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0900 down at 0930. Controller called flight back to base before crossing bomb line. 12 x 500 lb RDX, 4 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 250 lb Demo bombs jettisoned in lake at Q-2724.

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS 4 MARCH 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	20	
	(ii)	11	
	(iii)a.	8	
	c.	1	
	(viii)	20	
C	(i)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	26:30	
Note 6 E	(i)	40,000	
Note 7 F	(i)	32 x 500 lb RDX	
		2 x 500 lb Incd.	
		4 x 500 lb GP	
		21 x 250 lb Demo	
		48 Rockets	
	(ii)	17 x 500 lb RDX	
		2 x 500 lb Incd.	
		14 x 250 lb Demo	
		18 Rockets	
	(iii)	15 x 500 lb RDX	
		4 x 500 lb GP	
		7 x 250 lb Demo	
		(Returned 30 Rockets to base)	

DIVE BOMBING MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	16	
	(ii)	16	
	(vii)	1	Flak, Cat #1
	(viii)	1	Flak, Cat #2
	(viii)	16	
C	(i)	1	75 gal.
	(ii)	1	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	24:40	
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000	
	(ii)	1,920	
Note 7 F	(i)	16 x 500 lb RDX	
		22 x 500 lb GP	
		6 x 250 lb Demo	
	(ii)	16 x 500 lb RDX	
		22 x 500 lb GP	
		6 x 250 lb Demo	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
RR cars	20	16
Buildings	2	

	Complete
Road blocks	1

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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6 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 231 for the period ending Sunset 4 March 1945.

4. Operations No.: A.O.15,16 and 22. Armed recce missions.

A. A.O.15. 12 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 0725 hours to perform armed recce in Area No.7. A/C carried 31 x 500# GP bombs, fuse 8-15 sec. and 5 x 500# incendiary bombs, inst. fuse. Followed route of base to Strasbourg to Karlsruhe to R-545600 to base. Time in target areas: 0810-0845 hours. Squadron started on it's recce and was contacted by Baggage, who said he had a pineapple for the Squadron. Bookworm Squadron had called a target into Baggage and worked over the target before our squadron got to it. 29 x 500# GP bombs and 4 x 500# incendiary bombs were dropped on loco and 30 plus flat and boxcars, facing N at R-545600. The flat cars had about 10 tanks and 30 M/Ts on them and about 3 box cars which we believe contained ammo. There were 8 direct hits, numerous near misses, and train was strafed twice. Our claims will have to be made in conjunction with Bookworm Sqdn -- 7 cars destroyed, 15 M/Ts destroyed., 1 tank destroyed (burning). When Bookworm Sqdn left, there were 3 fires burning along the center of the train; when our Sqdn left, there were a total of 9 fires burning, with violent explosions coming from the boxcars in the rear of the train. This information was called into Baggage when Sqdn left the target. Strafing attacks and claims: at R-541471, 1 light flak gun position destroyed; at R-547470, 1 loco, steam up, facing S, and 3 boxcars were damaged. 2 x 500# GP bombs and 1 x 500# incendiary bomb were returned to base by a non-effective A/C, mechanical failure. Flak: intense light at R-

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545628; scant light at R-350660. E/A: nil. 1 P-47 damaged, cat 2, flak. Weather: overcast, thin clouds, base 3000, tops 12-13,000, visibility 1/2 - 1 miles in haze. Below over-cast, visibility 9 miles. Down at base: 0934 hours.

A.O.16. 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 0815 hours to bomb and to perform armed recce of Area No.2. Recce was not completed because of weather: A/C carried 32 x 500# GP bombs and 4 x 500# incendiary bombs. Followed route of base to Saverne to Offenburg to Pforzheim to base: however, one flight flew from base to Saverne to Worms to base. Time in target areas: 0900-0945 hours. Baggage asked for attack on Pontoon bridge at Rastatt, but weather prevented same. 6 GPs were dropped on M/Y at Ortenberg at W-1983, where 500 boxcars were seen in the yard 1 M/Y damaged, 6 GPs were dropped on center of town at W-168825 -- a large fire was started, 10 bldgs destroyed, lock on canal damaged. 12 GPs were dropped on the M/Y at W-364195, where 30 boxcars were seen in the yard -- 6 cars destroyed by direct hits. At this same point, sqdn strafed -- 10 cars damaged, 1 road block, 2 bldgs damaged, 1 M/T damaged. 8 GPs and 3 Incendiary bombs were dropped on the town of Stammheim at R-7611, which included 6 warehouses -- 2 warehouses destroyed and 4 damaged by both fire and bombs. 1 incendiary bomb was dropped at Sulz at R-7702 -- 1 bldg destroyed by fire. 1 M/T was destroyed by strafing at R-6805. Observations along route included: at R-4814, 30 boxcars on siding; in area S of Pforzheim, roads and railroads very active, snow trampled and tracked; at R-8671 airdrome, with snow cleared from runway. Flak: at W-1983, moderate light; at W-3620, scant light. E/A: nil. Losses: nil. Weather: 10/10, 2-4000 ft; 10/10 6-9000 ft. Heavy haze between layers. 6/10 from 10-12000 ft. South of Pforzheim, 8/10, 7000-7500 ft. Visibility 5 to 6 miles. Down to base: 1025 hours.

A.O.22. 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 0646 hours to perform armed recce in Area No. 3. A/C carried 33 x 500# GP bombs, 8-15 sec. delay and 3 x 500# incendiary bombs. Followed route of base to Karlsruhe to Speyer to base. Time in target areas: 0715-0830 hours. 12 GPs were dropped on the M/Y at Worth at R-3950, where 30 cars and 2 locos, steam up, headed N, were seen in the yard -- 2 RR sheds destroyed, 3 boxcars destroyed, 1 loco damaged, 1 M/Y attacked. 9 GPs were dropped at R-3835 on a train consisting of 1 loco and 30 boxcars going N. 3 bombs failed to explode, but 3 more were direct hits -- 1 rail cut, 2 box-cars destroyed. The loco at this point was then damaged by strafing. 12 GPs and 1 incendiary bomb were dropped at R-4839 on a train, consisting of 1 loco and 12 coaches, headed N. There were 3 direct hits 2 coaches destroyed, 2 coaches damaged, 1 loco damaged, 1 rail cut. 2 incendiary bombs were dropped on a train at R-545600, train consisting of 1 locomotive, 35 flatcars, with 10-12 tanks, 30 half-tracks, and M/Ts on the flatcars, all headed N. Numerous strafing passes were also made and 6 large fires were left burning -- 6 tanks damaged, 3 half-tracks destroyed, 2 half-tracks damaged, 10 other vehicles damaged, 1 loco damaged. 1 loco and 15 cars, headed N at R-5563 were strafed -- 1 loco damaged. Flak: moderate light at R-3950 and at R-5563; weak light at R-3[illegible]5. E/A nil: 1 P-47 damaged, cat 2, flak. Weather: 2/10 base 3-4000 ft, tops 5000 ft., visibility 8-10 miles. Down at base: 0905 hours.

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B. (i) 36 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on loco and 30 plus flat and boxcars facing N at R-545600.
Also strafed the following:-
1 light flak gun position at R-541471, and
1,loco with steam up, facing S and 3 box cars.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Ortenberg at W-1983,
Center of town at W-168825.
M/Y at M-364195, where 30 boxcars were in yard.
Town of Stammheim at R-7611.
Sulz at R-7702.
Also strafed 1 M/T at R-6806.
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Worth at R-3950.
Train, loco and 30 boxcars going N at R-3835.
Train, loco and 12 coaches, headed N at R-4839.
Train at R-545600, loco and 35 flatcars, with 10-12 tanks, 30 half-tracks, and M/Ts on the flatcars, all headed N.
Also strafed, loco and 15 cars at R-5563.
35 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 1 A/C non-effective, due to:-
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 a/c mechanical, Manifold pressure gage.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 A/C damaged, by flak; category 2.
(viii) 35

C. Nil

D. (i) 79:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 84,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 13,110 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 96 - 500# GP bombs, fused,tail,M113-8-15 sec.
12 - 500# Incendiary bombs, instant. fuse. nose M103 tail M101A2.
(ii) 94 - 500# GPs and 11 - 500# Incendiary bombs expended as follows:-
29 GPs and 4 Incendiary bombs on loco and 30 plus flat and boxcars, facing N at R-545600.
6,GPs on M/Y at Ortenberg at W-1983.
6 GPs on center of town at W-168825.
12 GPs on M/Y at M-364195.
8 GPs and 3 Incendiary bombs on town of Stammheim at R-7611.
1 Incendiary bomb dropped at Sulz at R-7702.

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12 GPs on M/Y at Worth, R-3950.
9 GPs at R-3835, loco and 30 boxcars going N.
12 GPs and 1 Incendiary bomb at R-4839 on train, loco and 12 coaches, headed N.
2 Incendiary bombs on a train at R-545600, train, loco and 35 flatcars, with 10-12 tanks, 30 half-tracks, and M/Ts on the flatcars, all headed N.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
2 - 500# GP bombs and 1 - 500# Incendiary bomb returned to base, by a non-effective A/C.

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 16

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
a) Destroyed, 4
c) Damaged, 19

3. Locomotives,
c) Damaged, 6

4. Railroads cars,
a) Destroyed, 20
c) Damaged, 16

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 15
c) Damaged, 6

11. Railroad cut, 2

14. M/T attacked, c) Damaged, 1

17. Other claims, Road block, a) Destroyed, 1
Canal lock, c) Damaged, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons SCHEDULED COMBAT MISSION CANCELLED. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 4 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. _____

1. No. Off _____ Time Up _____ Time Down _____ Total Hours _____

2. *a.* Type Mission : _____ *b.* Escorted by : _____

3. Weather : CANCELLED - - - - - - - - - TARGET WEATHER

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack _____ *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area _____

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E\|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 380 BW Squadrons 441st 442nd 443rd and 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 4 Mar 19 45 Mission No. NO MISSION

1. No. Off Time Up Time Down Total Hours
2. *a.* Type Mission : *b.* Escorted by :
3. Weather : Mission Cancelled (Target Weather)
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines : *b.* A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission :

No. & Type	Reason	No. & Type	Reason

5. Target : (1) (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, ecordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative :

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

b. Ground Speed of Attack *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results :

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)

8. Caliber or MM | Carried | Expended

9. Type Flak | Accuracy | Intensity | Location (Grid Coordinate)

10. No. & Type E|A Encountered | Location | Aggressiveness

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)

d. A|C Returned from Missing _____ Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

W. L. Robin, Jr.
W. L. ROBIN, JR.,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SOU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM : 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 139 for 24 hrs ending sunset 4 March 1945. ~~SECRET~~.

OPERATIONS NO. 3916 TR/5/4/15

A. 2 F 60's from 0715 to 0815 to recce Saarbrucken, Homburg, Landstuhl, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: Fires in town of Saarbrucken, which is under artillery fire. 2 MT mvg N Q-7078. 1 loco with 1 coal car mvg E at Q-6774. 2 MT mvg NE at Q-7282. 1 loco stat with 40 plus boxcars at Q-7282. 25 plus flatcars loaded with lumber and 25 boxcars at Q-7284. 4 tank destroyers or armored cars sitting in gulch at Q-767690. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-intense-acc at Landstuhl (Q-8790) and lt-intense-acc at Zweibrucken. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3000 ft over entire area, vis 2 to 3 miles. TOA: 0730 to 0800.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 120 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3917 TR/20/4/19

A. 2 F60's from 0715 to 0840 to recce Offenburg, Rastatt, W-7687, R-9008, Pforzheim, Mulachen. OBSNS: 20 plus possible coal cars, which appear to have been bombed and damaged, stat at W-1895. 1 train with 5 plus oil cars and 25 plus boxcars stat s/u fcg S at R-3015. 1 train with 40 plus boxcars mvg NE at R-7613. Pforzheim M/Y about 1/5 full with mostly boxcars, 2 locos no steam up, no activity. No other mvt seen. E/A: Nil. E/F: Hvy-scant-acc at Buhl (R-3011). PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor on D channel, good on B channel. WEATHER: 10/10 5-7000 ft over area. TOA: 0730 to 0825.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3918 TR/16/4/23

A. 2 F 60's from 0720 to 0945 to recce Karlsruhe, Heilbronn, Bruchsal. OBSNS: 6 locos s/u stat fcg S (2 of these locos had 30 plus boxcars) at Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 train mvg SW R-5749 with 20 plus boxcars. M/Y Bruchsal 1/3 full, mostly boxcars. 1 train stat s/u with 30 to 40 plus passenger cars at R-7436. 1 train with 40 plus boxcars mvg S at S-0357. Bridge at Heilbronn appears intact. 1 train with 10 passenger cars mvg S at S-0475. 7 T/E A/C, all of which appeared to be destroyed, on A/D at Sachsenheim, (R-9641), runways intact. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc at R-8139. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 6000 ft with heavy haze down to 3000 ft over area. TOA: 0740 to 0910.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
Captain, Air Corps,
Operations Officer.

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO 374 US ARMY

4 March 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S E C R E T

OPREP A NO. 170 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 4 March 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 603 TR/1/4/1

A. 1 F6C & L F6D from 0715-0930. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 8 pontoons along both sides of river at R-2222. Ferry crossing W to E and carrying cars and 12 people at R-2828. Several people waiting for ferry on E bank. 11 pontoon sections between R-2828 and R-2933. 10 scattered pontoons vicinity R-3136. Tug working with 12 pontoon sections in terrible weather at R-4250. 1 loco, STAT, S/U facing E in M/Y at R-3950. Approx 12 B/C and flat cars at R-4049. 6 scattered M/T and 1 HDT moving E and STAT at Q-9141. 1 M/T mvg N at R-1442. Approx 6 light A/A gun positions on SW edge of Wissembourg. Approx 200 people standing on both sides of road at R-0857, probably civilians. M/Y at Landau 1/3 full, 3 locos working. Loco, no steam, at R-2555. 30 mixed cars on siding at R-2853. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L at Wissembourg. PHOTOS:NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0900. WEATHER: 10/10 base 3000-4000' tops 6000-7000'. Rain and snow showers with moderate to heavy haze.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.30 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 604 TR/12/4/5

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0720-0915. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: P-47's strafed train, 30 cars, S/U, STAT, at Lauterburg, results unobserved. Dismantled pontoon bridge at R-3441. M/Y S at Karlsruhe 1/2 full, 3 locos working. 3 M/T mvg N at R-5052. M/Y at R-5563 2/3 full, 3 locos working. Train 30 mixed cars, mvg N and 1 train, 40 mixed cars mvg S at R-5656. 15 Barrage balloons 1500-2500 feet over M/Y at Germersheim. M/Y at Germersheim 1/2 full, 2 locos working. 50 loaded flat cars on siding at R-3772. M/Y Landau 1/3 full, 2 locos working. 30 cars and 2 locos, S/U, STAT, in M/Y at R-3950. Supplies and 9 parked M/T at Pfortz. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L at Wissembourg. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0845. WEATHER: 10/10 base 3-4000' tops 6-7000'.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C. (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 3.50 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

OPERATIONS NO. 605 TR/24/4/8

A. 2 F6C's from 0715-0920. To recce in Route # 2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 2/3 full, NMS at 0735 hrs. RR and Hwy bdgs over stream S edge of Offenburg appears serv. 50-60 B/C on Main track at W-085725, called to controller. M/Y at Lahr 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Emmendingen 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y in center of Freiburg 3/4 full, NMS. Approx 400 B/C and about20 tank cars on main track from W-085360 to W-055325, called to controller. 50 B/C on siding at W-0937. 1 train 70-80 B/C's and 2 locos mvg NW at W-6225, called to controller. 1 trian 10 cars, appearing to be tank cars, mvg S at W-5532. M/Y at Donau Eschingen 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y at Villengen 2/3 full, NMS., yard appears about 1/2 serv. M/Y at Hornberg W-3652 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y at Gengenbach W-2179 1/3 full, NMS. M/Y at Offenburg 1 loco, S/U, working, and 8 flat cars possibly loaded with M/T or tanks, called to controller at 0830 hrs.

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M/Y at W-1793 1/2 full with about 15 flat cars possibly loaded with supplies, called to controller. F/B bombed yard starting 3 fires. RR cut at W-1596. ENEMY AIR: NIL. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-H at Offenburg; I-A-L at W-1793. PHOTOS: NIL. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0730-0900. WEATHER: 10/10 base 5000'. tops 6500-7000', with rain and snow storms.

B. 2 F6C's. (ii(2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) NIL. (viii) 2.
C. NIL. F. NIL.
D. 4.10 hrs. G. NIL.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) NIL. H. NIL.

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 338 for 24 hours ending sunset
4 March 1945

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USAAF
FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/4/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No 566 for the 24 hours ending sunset, 4 March 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne during the period. First intruder Mission from 18:30 to 19:15. Returned because of poor weather. Second intruder mission from 00:45 to 02:50. Main railline S of Landau to Wissembourg being used and railline E from Landau to Speyer apparantely being used as signal lights were operating. Damaged 1 MT at Soultz-Sous-Forets area (R-1137). Fired at hand switches on railroad NNE out of Landau to Speyer (R-025681). At Bergzabern (R-1956) made 2 passes on MT, no observations. On third pass straffed town of Bergzabern, no observations. On railroad leading S out of Landau saw 8 locomotive, stationary, but with steam up, facing S. Made a pass and damaged locomotive and two cars. Observed a balloon flying at approx 2,000 ft at Lauterburg (R-3341). Third mission GCI Patrol from 03:25 to 06:45. Patrolled all during period on E and W vectors in area of Basle and Mulhouse. No observations. Fourth intruder mission from 04:30 to 06:30. Fired at one MT heading S, 5 miles S of Lauterburg (R-3341), no observations. Observed a fire at Mahlberg (W-0565); straffed town and set one 2-story bldg on fire. Received light flak at Kenzingen (W-0255). No further observations.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) One
(b) None
(c) None
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Four

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 08:10

E. (i) 24,000 x .303 4,000 x 20MM
(ii) 1,400 x .303 485 x 20MM
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. Damaged: 1 locomotive; 2 rwy cars; 1 MT
Destroyed: 1 Building.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #1 THIS DATE. 34 - 37 - 95 - 432

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. 587

1-LANDED AT OCHEY A/D OVER NIGHT.
1-1550

1. No. Off 46 - B26 Time Up 0714 Time Down 40-1140 Total Hours 205:50

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8-9/10 Cu - BASES 3000' - TOPS 8000' - VISIBILITY 6 MILES - LIGHT HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
2 - B26	AIR SPARE
1 - B26	ENG(PROP TROUBLE)
1 - B26	ENG(LOW OIL PRESSURE RIGHT ENGINE).

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
24 - B26	WEATHER

5. Target: (1) KIRKEL AMMO DUMP (M/R (W) 4-599800), GERMANY. (2) TOWN OF SAARBRUCKEN (4-4671), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(2)	TOWN-4-4671-CENTER.	ST. WENDEL, GERMANY.	1018	18	11,600'
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 2 - 24 SHIPS BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION-BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 63 degrees with slight right break. - Moderate evasive action employed from IP to target with slight loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 204 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	20 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "Bombs of the first flight landed at the east side of the town at W4-48714 cutting a road at this point. The pattern extended southwest to the rail line with at least two hits on the railroad cutting the lines and creating a temporary block. The second flight's bombs landed at W4-474692 some bombs effecting a road block at this point. Sixty bombs are visible after bombs away but obscuring cloud coverage prevents the location of bomb strikes." - - - Eleven (11) A/C attempting photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
250#	INST. NOSE .025TAIL	364	- -	168	- -	- -	NONE	140(WEATHER). 28(SPARE) 14(ENG)
100#	INST. NOSE .025TAIL	600	- -	178	- -	- -	NONE	392(WEATHER). 30(ENG).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
250#	14	ENGINEERING	PRIMARY TARGET AREA.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	121,450	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	NEUNKIRCHEN AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. A|craft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
- - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -

d. A\|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons MISSION REPORT #2 THIS DATE. 34

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. 588

1. No. Off 6 - B26 Time Up 0714 Time Down 6-1124 Total Hours 28:25

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING COVERED AREA.

3. Weather: 8-9/10 Cu - BASES 3000' - TOPS 8000' - VISIBILITY 6 MILES - LIGHT HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
NONE	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
5 - B26	WEATHER

5. Target: (1) FLAK POSITION AT (W) (2-583795), GERMANY. (2) BLIESKASTEL RR TRACKS (2-6073), GERMANY.
(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(2)	RR TRACKS-2-6073, GSGS 4416-SHEET U-1-CENTER	ST. WENDEL, GERMANY.	0940	1	13,000'
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. Part of 2 - 24 SHIPS BOX(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail; flights went into attack formation just short of IP(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flightBOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 63 degrees with slight right break. - Moderate evasive action employed from IP to target with slight loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 286

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
- -	8 SEC.	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: One (1) A/C dropped 16 X 260# air burst bombs due to Bombardier error. Six (6) A/C dropped 15 cartons of chaff on first run from IP to primary target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
260#	INST. NOSE .025TAIL	96	--	16	--	--	NONE	24(WEATHER).

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
260#	56	COULD NOT RE-PLACE PINS	LAKE SOUTH OF DIJON.

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Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	18,300	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CF	INACCURATE	SCANT	NORTH OF NEUNKIRCHEN AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	-----	-------

11. (On combat missions): NONE

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
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d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. ---------

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
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12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Squadrons 441st. 442nd and 443rd.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 Mar 19 45 Mission No. 515

1. No. Off 94 B-26's Time Up 08:15 Time Down 12:15 Total Hours 174:30
2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 10/10 Cumulus
4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
4 B-26's	Engineering

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
90 B-26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) Germany. (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	Ammunition dump (M) 4-29976	Wendel (M) 4-33976	No attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- Two squadrons of 27 A/C each.
No attack.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- None due to weather.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
250#GP	.1 & .025	756	None				None	756

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	259,650	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th Squadrons 444th

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 3 Mar 19 45 Mission No. 542

1. No. Off 3 B-26's Time Up 08:49 Time Down 12:23 Total Hours 11:27
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 10/10 Cumulus
4. a. A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
None	

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
3 B-26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) Germany (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A|C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Gun positions (M) 4-575762	Wendel (M) 4-533776	No attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- One squadron of 3 A/C.
No attack.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

ResultsNone due to weather.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
20# Frag.	-	360	None				None	360

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
None			

8

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	9,475	None

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No. _____

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SOU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SOOR)

FROM: 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 138 for 24 hrs ending sunset 3 March 1945. [redacted]

OPERATIONS NO. 3903 TR/16/3/23

A. 2 F 60's from 0725 to 0915 to recce Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Germ. [illegible]wim. OBSNS: 5 locos s/u E M/Y Karlsruhe. 1 loco s/u fcg S at R-4646. 250 boxcars E M/Y Karlsruhe. 1 train 20 railway cars mvg W across Karlsruhe bridge. 1 train 6 passenger cars mvg S at R-5844. 75 gondolas loaded with what appeared to be gravel, 50 empty gondolas, 50 boxcars in M/Y at R-6140 and factory in operation. 1 train 10 passenger cars stat fcg E at R-6439. 1 large MT with trailer mvg N at R-6663. 1 train 40 boxcars 10 empty flatcars mvg S at R-5458. Bridges Germersheim & Karlsruhe intact. No other obsns due to weather and engine trouble. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3-7000 ft with rain and snow over area. TOA: 0745 to 0855.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3904 TR/20/3/19

A. 2 F 60's from 0730 to 0830 to recce R-5010. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3500 to 6000 ft at Strassbourg, and Karlsruhe area. TOA: 0750 to 0810.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3905 TR/5/3/15

A. 2 F 60's from 0730 to 0945 to recce Saarbrucken, Saarlautern, St Wendel, Homburg, Pirmasens, Bitche. OBSNS: 1 train 30 plus flatcars loaded with MT stat fcg W with loco in tunnel at Q-950706 at 0920 hrs. Called to controller but gave wrong coordinate. Bridges intact at Q-424712, Q-459707, Q-459705, Q-467702. 1 train 5 plus boxcars stat fcg S at Q-4474. 1 loco stat fcg N at Q-4674. 2 locos stat fcg N at Q-5381. 4 HDV and 15 to 20 MT mvg b/w Saarbrucken to Neuenkirchen. 1 train stat in tunnel at Q-594864, with approx 5 boxcars seen at N end of train, remainder in tunnel. 1 train 50 plus gondolas W from Neuenkirchen. 3 HDV, 20 MT and 1 large bus mvg S and 2 HDV and 5 MT N St Wendel to Homburg. 5 plus MT mvg b/w Saarbrucken to Homburg. 2 locos s/u Homburg M/Y, yards 1/4 full, 1 of locos had 5 boxcars hooked on stat fcg S. 5 MT mvg SW into Homburg. 1 very large loco under bridge at Q-9073 M/Y. 2 MT mvg SE into Pirmasens. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 6/10 4-6000 ft Saarbasin. TOA: 0745 to 0930.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 360 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3906 TR/17/3/24

A. 2 F 60's from 1025 to 1140 to recce Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Durlach. OBSNS: 15 plus S/E A/C on Kirrlach A/D. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. WEATHER: 10/10 2-6000 ft and 7-9000 ft Rhine Valley and East. TOA: 1045 to 1120.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3907 TR/6/3/16

A. 2 F 60's from 1015 to 1145 to recce Saarbrucken. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 2500 to 7000 ft. TOA: 1030 to 1130.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3908 TR/21/3/20

A. 2 F 60's from 1030 to 1215 to recce Strassbourg, Stuttgart, Basel, Strassbourg. OBSNS: M/Y at Basel empty. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 9000 ft and scattered below to 2000 ft. TOA: 1100 to 1200 hrs.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3909 P-240, P-241 Sortie 242

A. 2 F 60's from 1135 to 1320 to recce and photo Kaiserslautern, Neuenkirchen. OBSNS: 7 locos s/u Kaiserslautern M/Y. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Verticals. Material stacked in yard at Q-593810. Ammo dump at Q-599800, 1 MT loading, no bomb damage. 5 MT parked in woods at Q-606788, trackage into woods indicating considerable activity. Ammo dump or material stacked along road not damaged at Q-597773. Material stacked in pits along woods road at Q-603756, probably ammo. Does not look like ammo dump at Q-606753. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Snow from Luneville to north, 2000 ft - top unknown. TOA: 1150 to 1200.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3910 TR/7/3/17

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1515 to recce Saarbrucken, Neuenkirchen, Pirmasens, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: 1 train 80 plus boxcars s/u fog N in Neuenkirchen M/Y. Leader checked two tunnels at Q-9571 and Q-9769 but obsvd no flatcars as had been previously reported. 150 plus coal cars at Q-9073. 12 MT parked dispersed in streets at Q-3573. 3 or 4 light cal guns possible M/G at Q-3573. 1 large MT carrying 25 plus troops mvg near Q-4081. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3500 ft over area. TOA: 1345 to 1500.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3911 TR/19/3/25

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1550 to recce Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Durlach. OBSNS: 1 train 30 boxcars stat fog SW s/u S-0660. 1 train 40 boxcars mvg S into Heilbronn. 1 train 35 plus boxcars stat s/u fog S S-0766. Half of town at S-0766 badly damaged. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2500 to 9000 ft. Hazy with visibility 6 to 8 miles. TOA: 1350 to 1530.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3912 TR/11/3/27

A. 2 F 60's from 1440 to 1550 to recce Saarbrucken, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Leader's radio was out. WEATHER: 10/10 1000 to 8500 ft Saarbrucken to Kaiserslautern. TOA: 1455 to 1535 hrs.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
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OPERATIONS NO. 3913 TR/19/3/26

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1800 to recce Rastatt, Germersheim. OBSNS: Pontoon bridge under construction at R-2222, with 2 sections intact. Checked this bridge at request of controller. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 9 to 10/10 from 5000 ft to 10,000 ft along Rhine and over rest of area. TOA: 1640 to 1740 hrs.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3914 TR/8/3/18

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1730 hrs to recce Neuenkirchen. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 from 2-9000 ft, vis 2-3 miles. TOA: 1630 to 1715.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil.. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3915 TR/23/3/22

A. 2 F 60's from 1620 to 1730 to recce Rastatt, Baden Baden, Stuttgart, Boblingen. OBSNS: 5 HDT mvg S at W-1897. 2 HDT mvg S at R-2303. 5 HDT with red crosses mvg N, 1 ambulance & 1 MT mvg S at R-2910. 5 HDT mvg N at R-3218. 1 MT with trailer, 1 HDT mvg S at R-3428. 4 locos s/u fcg u/c E side of Karlsruhe M/Y. 6 HDT mvg N at R-2320. 2 HDT mvg N at R-1408. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc in vicinity of R-3115. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Fair. WEATHER: 10/10 2-8500 ft Karlsruhe to Offenburg. Vis 2 to 3 miles in valleys. TOA: 1640 to 1710.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

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162ND TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON
APO. 374 US ARMY

3 March 1945

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM: 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : S[redacted]

OPREP A NO. 169 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 3 March 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 590 TR/1/3/1

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0725-0930. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: NTR due to Weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0745-0905. WEATHER: 7/10 2000 base 4-5000' tops entire area.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 591 TR/12/3/5

A. 2 F6D's from 0725-0950. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 2 M/T, one extremely large, both towing possible guns, moving NE at R-275390. 8 HDT moving NWbetween R-4658 and R-4261, estimated company of troops on hwy at R-3862--all called to controller and led Fighter-Bombers to them. Fighter-Bombers strafed, inflicting many casualties. Very light scattered M/T and HDT traffic, moving in all directions, E and SE of Landau. 1 train, 30 cars, STAT, S/U, facing N in woods at R-4984. Large camouflaged building and possible supplies at R-415928. Very light scattered M/T and HDT all directions W and NW of Ludwigshaven. 15 HDT spread between M-422151 and Pfeddersheim. Bridge appears unserviceable, at M-172098. 25 M/T very heavily camouflaged, ranging in size from jeeps to large trucks, STAT, facing E between M-050003 and Ottenburg (M-027003). 1 train, no locos, on RR--30 cars, 8 flat cars carrying at least 2 tanks on 2 cars, other six with M/T or tanks at R-133957. Bridge unserviceable at M-178016. A/A gun position of 3 guns E edge of Hochspeyer. 50 M/T and tanks camouflaged, parked bumper to bumper between R-149833 and R-135818--possibly dummies--at least 2 vehicles burning but weather so bad there that it is unlikely that they had been shot up. RR appears serviceable from Annweiler to Pirmasens, NMS. Supplies at R-005650. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H between R-415920 and Frankenthal; M-A-L at R-119939. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0935. WEATHER: Rhine valley 9-10/10 base 6000', over mountains W of Rhine 8-10/10 with thin layer at 3000', Kaiserslautern area various layers of 10/10 with tops at 8000' and base at 1500.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 50 mins.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii) 500 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 592 TR/24/3/9

A. 2 F6C's from 0730-0830. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at W-1896, 100 box cars, 1 loco S/U, working in yard. M/Y at Offenburg 1/2 full, 2 locos, S/U. Remainder of area unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0750-0810. WEATHER: 10/10 deck to 7000' S of Lahr. 5-8/10 base 3000' tops 7000' Strassburg area.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 2.00 hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 593 TR/9/3/13

A. 2 F6C's from 0845-1055. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at St. Ingbert 1/2 full, NMS. Factory activity Neunkirchen area. M/Y at Lauternecken 1/3 full, 1 loco working. Dismantled pontoon bridges at R-2828, R-2421. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0900-1030. WEATHER: 9-10/10 2500 to 4500 feet, 9-10/10 from 6000 to 7000 with snow storms.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.20 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 594 TR/2/3/2

A. 2 F6D's from 1010-1155. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 2 M/T moving S at R-2533. 2 M/T moving W at R-2534. 2 M/T STAT, facing W at R-2234. 3 M/T and 15-20 soldiers moving N at R2237. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030-1135. WEATHER: 9-10/10 in layers from deck to 4000, 10/10 5500-6500 with rainstorms.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3 hrs 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 4200 rds .60 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 595 TR/13/3/6

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1010-1245. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Landau 1/4 full, 2 locos, ST/U STAT. M/Y Neustadt, 1 loco, S/U, STAT. RR from Landau to Wissemburg appears serviceable. Approximately 30 M/T dispersed in woods at R-1334 called to controller--F/B bombed and strafed, NRO. Remainder of area unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Oblique of M/Y at R-3343 3000' 300° at 1130 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030-1220. WEATHER: 10/10 base 4000-5000 with snow showers in area N of Hagenau.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 5 hrs 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 1285 rds. (iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 596 TR/25/3/10

A. 1 F6D & 1 F6C from 1010-1210. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: NTR WEATHER. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1025-1140. WEATHER: 8/10 2000 to 5000, 10/10 6000-7000 with snow and rain showers.
B. 1 F6D & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 597 TR/10/3/14

A. 2 F6C's from 1155-1410. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Homburg 1/2 full, 1 loco working. 1 M/T moving E into Homburg. Train, 4 cars, moving S at Q-7997. NMS on RR from Oberstein to M-0035. NMS on RR from L-9732 to Lauterecken. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1220-1350. WEATHER: 9/10 base deck-4000 top 7500. Snowstorms.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.30 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 598 TR/3/3/3

A. 2 F6C's from 1330-1530. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 3 HDT moving N at R-2530. 5 HDT moving SE at R-3138. 5 pontoons on E side of river, 2 on W side at R-3237, approximately 5 pontoons in small stream at R-3336. 4 pontoons on E side of river, 2 on W side at R-2933. 12 pontoons on E side of river at R-2728. Pontoon bridge under construction at R-2422, 50 men working on bridge. 2 HDT on E side river and 1 HDT on W side at R-2422. 2 M/T moving S at R-2319. 1 M/T moving E at R-1138. Approximately 6 M/T, one burning at R-1334. 3 pill boxes at R-2132. 10 camouflaged M/T at Q-9342--called to controller. 1 M/T moving S at R-2327. Rail cut at R-0366. 3 M/T moving N into Pirmasens. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of M/T at P-1334, 3500', 020° at 1500 hrs. (BDA). RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1510. WEATHER: 10/10 base 3500 tops 10000, scattered snowstorms.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4.00 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 599 TR/14/3/7

A. 2 F6C's from 1330-1545. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 4 M/T moving E into Lauterburg. 2 HDT moving W at R-2952. 3 HDT moving W at R-2450. 2 RR cuts and 4 repaired cuts at R-2048. M/T Landau 1/4 full, 2 locos, STAT, S/U. 1 M/T moving E into Landau. M/Y Neustadt 1/4 full, with 1 train 10 passenger cars, STAT, S/U, facing W. 2 HDT moving N at M-3503. Eastbound side of Autobahn cut, and 4 repaired cuts on Eastbound and Westbound lanes, 3 M/T and 10-15 men working on repairs at M-3206. RR cut by direct hit at M-2505. M/Y W of Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, NMS. 50 M/T well camouflaged with fresh shrubbery on Hwy between R-149833 and R-135818,--called F/B--but unable to get any. (Reported in 12/3/5). 25-30 M/T well camouflaged with fresh shrubbery between M-050003 and Ottenburg (M-027003). (Reported in 12/3/5). ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L at Wissemburg; S-I-L at Neustadt; S-A-H at Kaiserslautern. PHOTOS: Obliques of RR cuts at R-2048, 4000', 260°, at 1400 hrs. M/T at R-149833 to R-135818, 2500', 235°, at 1500 hrs. M/T at M-050003 to M-027003, 2500', 235°, at 1515 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1350-1530. WEATHER: 3-9/10 4000 to 6000 base tops unknown.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii) 1030 rds. (iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 600 TR/4/3/4

A. 2 F6C's from 1625-1800. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 12 pontoons on E bank of river from R-2728 to R-2934. 50 scattered M/T moving BW on Hwy from Hagenau to Wissembourg. 2 large bldgs in M/Y at Wissembourg, might possibly house RR gun. 15 HDT scattered on HWY from Bitche to Wissembourg moving BW. 1 bldg on fire in town at R-2319. 2 pontoons on E bank of river at R-2322. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L Wissembourg. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1640-1745. WEATHER: 10/10 2000-5000 base top 8000, snowstorms.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 3 hrs 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 601 TR/15/3/8

A. 2 F6C's from 1625-1830. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: Dump R-4048. M/Y Landau 1/2 full, 1 loco working. 25 loaded gondola cars R-1969. 40 loaded flat cars R-0267. Supplies R-0165. RR Pirmasens-Landau appeared serviceable. Approximately 10 camouflaged MT parked on HWY R-0296. RR Kaiserslautern-Neustadt appeared serviceable. M/Y Neustadt 2/3 full, 3 locos working. 40 cars including 30 tank cars M-2104. No cuts observed on RR from Kaiserslautern to Grundstadt. Supplies stacked M-2415. HWY bridge Frankenthal out. RR cut M-1710. 1 loco moving W M-4071. 1 loco working at Pfortz. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-A-H Ludwigshaven. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1650-1800. WEATHER: 8-10/10 base 4000 top 8000.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 602 TR/27/3/12

A. 2 F6D's from 1620-1825. To recce in Route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 200 plus cars in M/Y W-1893. 1 fire in M/Y W-1895. NMS M/Y Offenburg, yard about 2/3 full. 30 soldiers in town W-0879. 4 MT parked and 20 soldiers in town W-0874. M/Y and siding at Lahr 1/2 full, NMS. Hospital train 10 cars on siding at Lahr. 3 MT STAT, facing S W-0664. 1 motorcycle and 4 MT STAT in town W-0475. 2 HDT moving N into town W-0583. 4 fires in S part of town W-0993. 25 plus cars and 6 flat cars with possible MT W-2277. NMS on RR or HWY from Offenburg to Haslach. All bridges across stream between Offenburg and Haslach serviceable. M/Y Haslach appears unserviceable, probable supply dump in SW part of town. M/Y Hausach 1/7 full, NMS. Fire in town V-9555. 2 large fires in center of Kenzingen. 100 box cars on siding at Kenzingen. 5 MT and 20 soldiers in town W-0150. 8 MT STAT, facing N in Herbolzheim 1740. 2 fires in town, caused by artillery, W-0361. 1 MT STAT in Mahlberg. 1 motorcycle moving N into Lahr. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L W-0774. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1640-1800. WEATHER: 10/10 deck to 6000, top 12000, snow, rain.

B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking Route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.

C. Nil.

D. 4 hrs. 10 mins.

E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.

F. Nil.

G. Nil.

H. Nil.

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MISSIONØ - 34/3510 - (28)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0905A to 1040A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-6083 to Q-3883 to Q-8866 to Q-6066. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: Pilot noticed six (6) 190's over Pirmasens following B-26's at 16,000 ft., heading South 0940.A. ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-6083 to Q-3883 to Q-8866 to Q-6066. Block: Q-3084 to Q-6082 to Q-6066 to Q-3067. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0930 to 0945A. WEATHER: Area covered 9/10ths with stratus.
Mission sucessful. (Herbert C. Byrd, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage Q-6083 to Q-3883 to Q-8866 to Q-6066. (iii) nil (iv) nil
(v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr 35 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. -- 34/3498 - (29)

A. 1 F-5E from 0915A to 1120A. To photo target: Block Q-3084 to Q-6082 to Q-6066 to Q-3067. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block Q-3084 to Q-6082 to Q-6066 to Q-3067. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0940A to 1005A. WEATHER: 0/10ths stratus in assigned area. Mission successful. (Joe Merkle, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Q-3084 to Q-6082 to Q-6066 to Q-3067. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3499 - (30)

A. 1 F-5E from 0940A to 1110A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-9377 to R-3077 to R-3057 to Q-9257. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-9377 to R-3077 to R-3057 to Q-9257. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1010A to 1030A. WEATHER: Target area covered with 10/10ths stratus. Mission successful.
(Donald B. Chunn, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-9377 to R-3077 to R-3057 to Q-9257. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3500 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0920A to 1100A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-7890 to M-0505 to R-1487 to Q-8573. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Target area covered 10/10ths by stratus - no photographs taken. Mission unsuccessful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-7890 to M-0505 to R-1487 to Q-8573. (iii) Ineffective Sortie: (a) Target Area covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken.
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr . 40 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3501 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0910A to 1050A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-6267 to Q-8067 to Q-9252 to Q-7843. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-6267 to Q-8067 to Q-9251 to Q-7843.
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0945A to 1000A.
WEATHER: 9/10ths cloud cover with stratus.
Mission successful. (Willard O. Davis - F/O)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-6267 to Q-8067 to Q-9251 to Q-7843. (iii) nil (iv) nil
(v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 40 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3502 - (33)

A. 1 F-5B, from 0900A to 1030A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-9251 to R-2130 Tp R-0918 to Q-7843. OBSERVATIONS.: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-9251 to R-2130 to R-0918 to Q-7843. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0945A to 1000A. WEATHER: 6/10ths to 8/10ths cloud coverage in area - stratus.
Mission successful. (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-9251 to R-2130 to R-0918 to Q-7843. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3503 - (34)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0910A to 1055A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3291 to R-5185 to R-4454 to R-2463. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block: Q-6083 to Q-8883 to Q-8866 to Q-6066, Block: Q-6267 to Q-8067 to Q-9251 to Q-7843. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0930A to 0955A. WEATHER: Target area covered 10/10ths with stratus.
Mission partially successful. (Robert G. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3291 to R-5185 to R-4454 to R-2463,. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr 45 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U. S. - 3A/ 3504 - (35)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0910A to 1040A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-3291 to R-5185 to R-4454 to R-2463. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Area covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken.
Mission unsuccessful. (William J. Andres, F/O/)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R-3291 to R-5185 to R-4454 to R-2463. (iii) Ineffective Sortie: (a) Target area - covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken. --
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 1 hr 30 minutes G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3505 - (36)

A. 1 F-5B, from 0900A to 1105A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: M-0183 to M-1580 to M-1157 to V-9357 to M-6183. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Area covered with 10/10ths stratus. Mission unssuccessful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage : M-0183 to M-1580 to M-1157 to V-93557 to M-6183. (iii) Ineffective Sortie: (a) Target area covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken. (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S - 34/3506 - (37)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0855A to 1055A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: R-1211 to R-3011 to M-1580 to M-0183 to R-1211.
OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good.
TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Area 10/10ths cloud covered with stratus.
Mission unsuccessful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: R1211 to R-3011 to M-1580 to M-0183 to R-1211. (iii) Ineffective Sortie: (a) Target area covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken, (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S - 34/3507 - (38)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0920A to 1055A. To photo Target: FR - 84 - Series of Railroad Strips. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Area covered 10/10ths with stratus -
Mission unsuccessful. (John L. Sanders, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: FR - 84 - Series of Railroad Stpips - From Freiburg to Rottweil - Haslach to Hechingen.
(iii) Ineffective Sorties (a) Ineffective Sortie:due to area - being covered 10/10ths with stratus - no photos taken.
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr 35 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U. S. - 34/3506 - (39)

A. 1 F-5B, from 0915A to 1025A. To photo Target: FR 84 - Series of Railroad strips - OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Target area covered 10/10ths with stratus - Missio successful. (James F. Frakes, Major.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Series of Rail road Strips - Freiburg to Rottweil - Haslach to Hechingen. (iii) ineffective Sortie : (a) Target area covered with 10/10ths stratus - no photographs taken.
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr 10 minutes
E. nil
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FORM 34A.

TO: H. Q. 8th Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RECON. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 337 for 24 hours ending sunset
3 March 1945

MISSION U.S - 34/3509 - (40)

A. 1 F-5E, 1 F-5E, from 0940A to 1100A. To photo Target: Ammo and Supply Dump at Q-385896., Barracks at Q-384885, Ammo Dumps at Q-385896, Q-441797, Gas and Ammo Dump at Q-689822, Supply Dumps at Q-498838, Q-929713, RR/B at L-570103, and RR/B at L-847340. RR/B at L-772278, RR/B at L-802310, and RR/B at L-798315.
OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good.
TIME OVER AREA: nil WEATHER: Area covered 10/10ths with stratus.
Mission unsuccessful. (James E. McCommon, 1st. Lt.)
Cover Pilot - (William B. Gannett, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E's, (ii) 2 attacking target: Ammo and Supply Dump at Q-385896, Barracks at Q-384885 , Ammo Dumps at Q-385896, Q-441797, Gas and Ammo Dump at Q-689822, Supply Dumps at Q-498838 Q-929718, RR/B at L-570103, and RR/B at L-847340, RR/B at L-772278 RR/B at L-802310 and RR/B at L-798315. (iii) Ineffective Sortie:
(a) Target area covered with 10/10ths clouds
no photographs taken.
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
D. 1 hr 20 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 337 for 24 hours ending sunset
3 March 1945

MISSION U.S. 34/3511 - (41)

A. 1 F-5E, F-5E from 1035A to 1205A. To photo target: Huchenfeld R-712289, Walmsheim R-868210, Bobllngen R-928110, Motzingen W-766943, RR/Bridge W-977850, RR/Bridge R-823150, RR/Bridge at R-882074, Kirchein S-282020, RR/Bridges at S-264430, RR/Bridges at S-284459, Ammo dump R-949747. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Area covered with 10/10ths clouds. Mission unsuccessful. (Allen R. Keith, Captain) Cover - Mission successful. (Frank D. Fulton, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Huchenfeld R-712289, Walmsheim R-868210, Bobllngen R-928110, Motzingen W-766943, RR/Bridge W-977850, RR/Bridge R-823150, RR/Bridge at R-882074, Kirchein S-282020, RR/Bridges at S-264430, RR/Bridges at S-284459, Ammo dump R-949747. (iii) Ineffective sortie: Area covered with 10/10ths clouds - no photographs taken.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 337 for 24 hours ending sunset
3 March 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3512 - (42)

A. 1 F-5E from 1155A to 1355A, 1 F-5E. To photo target: Marnheim Bridge M-2215, RR/Bridge L-170098, RR/Line Neustadt to Hochspeyer, Supply dump R-569925, Buildings R-574923, Fuel dump R-569925, Supply dump R-290683, Barracks R-326688, RR/Line Landau to Hinterweidenthal, RR/Bridge R-286541, Supply R-380504, Supply dump R-327429. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Target area covered with 10/10ths clouds. Mission Unsuccessful. (Hayes, W. Donn, Lt. Col.) Cover - Mission successful. (James E. McCommon, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) 1 F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Marnheim Bridge M-2215, RR/Bridge L-170098, RR/Line Neustadt to Hochspeyer, Supply dump R-569925, Buildings R-574923, Fuel dump R-569925, Supply dump R-290683, Barracks R-326688, RR/Line Landau to Hinterweidenthal, RR/Bridge R-286541, Supply R-380504, Supply dump R-327429. (iii) Ineffective sortie: Target area covered with 10/10ths clouds, - no photographs taken.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 2

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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USAAF
Form 34 A

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/3/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 565 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 3 March 1945.

A. Five Beaufighters airborne during the period. Intruder mission from 18:30 to 20:40. Intruded in Freiburg-Karlsruhe area. Flew N along river, but vis was very poor. Flew south to Landau (R-2771) and fired on 2 M/T's destroying 1 and damaging the other. Fired at light at R-2359), but could not see results because of poor vis. Picked up very indefinite target at about 3½ - 4 miles, indicating very slightly to port. Closed in fairly fast and assumed contact was a balloon. Flew S to just N of Freiburg, but weather was poor. Patrolled W side of River for ½ hour and returned to base. Second mission from 21:25 to 23:45. Intruded in area between Pt. Y (R-1018) and Pt. N (W-0176). Patrolled in area until 22:45 without incident. Went up W side of river and came down E side. Saw approx 3 lights along mts on E side, but poor vis prevented any action. Third Mission from 23:35 to 00:20. Was vectored onto bogey shortly after takeoff. Visual was obtained at 1500' and identified as B-25. Friendly aircraft peeled off to port into overcast. Returned to base due to AI failure. Fourth Mission from 00:50 to 03:00. Intruded in area of Freiburg, Karlsruhe, Neustadt, and Ludwigshafen. Was vectored onto bogey which proved friendly. Flew N along RR to Landau but saw no activity. Flew S and at Rastatt observed RR tracks and followed them S. In Offenburg (W-1685) saw steam up in loco. Made a pass and fired with 3-4 sec burst. Loco exploded and lit up area. Observed strikes on 2 other loco's. Turned N. On road between Germersheim and Landau saw 3 MT heading E and then turned S at Offenbach (R-3366). Made 3 passes, but guns failed to function. Fifth Mission from 04:10 to 06:40. Went to Pt. N (W-0176) and flew south on east side of Rhine to Freiburg. No observations. Turned N and sighted two loco with steam up and approx 12-15 cars each headed N at Mahlberg (W-0565). Fired with machine guns and cannons and destroyed 1 loco and damaged 1. Also damaged 10 RR cars. Continued N to Kehl and fired on small fire at Achern (R-2404). Numerous fires started - believed to be gas dump. Flew to slightly N of Strasbourg and then S again to 5 mile N of Freiburg. Here Baby called Travel 33 and was told to gain Angels. Vectored to S of Colmar and at 05:22 called Infant. Flew 20-30 mile further W and then turned S to Swiss border. Told to gain Angels 14 and then turned N again. At 05:55 Churchman took over and vectored Travel 33 North East and to lower to Angels 8 and also to gain speed. At 06:10 made AI contact at Angels 7. Bogey showed at 5 O'clock and below at 2 mile. He throttled back and let down to Angels 3½ through and into broken overcast and then closed in to approx 2000' when visual was made. Closed in to 500' and slightly below and off to starboard identified a/c as FW-200. Dropped back to 1000' and apporx 10 degrees off to port side both Bandit and Travel 33 opened fire. Bandit using single gun and firing from rear. Tracer crossed Beaus starboard wing. Beaus cannons and machine guns hit 2 starboard engines which caught fire immediately and debris began flying back. Beau broke away to below and starboard then pulled up to Port again. Both a/c went into overcast at approx 2-3000 feet. He broke out of overcast 30 seconds later. Travel 33 climbed to Angels 4 and sighted flame off to Port on top of cloud at Angels 3. Bandit traveling 090. Fired again but observed no hits. Saw Bandit hit ground at 06:20. Called Churchman who took a fix for position which is WV-4881.

B. (i) Five Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Four
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Five

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C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 10:00

E. (i) 5000 x 20MM
30000 x .303
(ii) 1075 x 20MM
4000 x .303
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) 1 FW-200
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. 2 locomotives destroyed, 3 locomotives damaged, 10 RR cars damaged, 1 M/T destroyed, 1 M/T damaged, 1 gas supply dump destroyed.

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, AC.,
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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5 March 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No. 230 for the period ending Sunset 3 March 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. To escort bombers.

A. A.O.15 16 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 0840 hours to escort bombers. Followed route of base to Luneville to Metz to Nohfelden to St Wendel to Neunkirdhen to base. Time with bombers: 0900 to 1030 hours, with rendezvous at 0900 hours at 11,000 ft at Luneville ans withdrawal at 1030 hours at 15,000 ft at Luneville. Bombers returned to Metz after crossing target and made a second run. Results of the bombing were not observed. No claims, no losses, no E/A. Weather: 5/10, tops 5000 ft, base unknown, visibility unlimited. Down at base 1049 hours.

B. (i) 16 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 16 A/C completed mission, escorting bombers.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 16

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 34:20
(ii) Nil

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E. (i) 38,400 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4.(2) Operations No.: A.O. 16, and 17. Armed Reconnaissance missions.

A. A.O.16 11 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 0730 to perform A/R of Neustadt, Kaiserslautern, Neunkirchen areas. Squadron carried 22 x 500# GP bombs, 8-15 seconds, and 11 x 260# Frags, 9 - inch spike, inst. fuse. Followed route of base to Neustadt to R-170934 to R-207890 to Kaisers-lautern to Pirmasens to base. Time in target areas, 0810 to 0820 hours. 7 GPs and 4 Frags were dropped on tunnel at R-170934 -- tunnel damaged at east end, and also rails were cut at east end. 1 frag landed in town of Frankenstein -- NRO. 1 GP, which hung up during the bomb run, was jettisoned in the vicinity of Pirmasens. 14 GPs and 7 Frags were dropped on the tunnel at R-207890 -- no claims on tunnel, but RR was cut on east end and a miss cut the road at R-203892. Squadron strafed a train of 40 cars, loaded with heavy machinary and with 3 flat cars on each end of train mounting flak guns, at R-0588 -- claim the total damaged. This information was called to Baggage. At R-130815, 2 flak guns were strfed and damaged and 1 building was strafed and destroyed (on fire). After the tunnels had been bombed, Squadron spotted what was believed to be a full Panzer division; a conservative estimate would be 150 - 200 plus M/Ts, half-tracks, vans, busses, and 10 plus tanks at R-140823, parked facing southwest. This coordinate is a pinpoint of the largest concentration of vehicles; others, including all the tanks, were on all secondary roads within a radius of 1 mile. This information was called to Baggage, and our Squadron contacted another Squadron, call sign Dark Line, and brought them directly to the spot. They had a full bomb load and went to work on the vehicles. Our squadron made at least 12 strafing passes at the lines of vehicles, until it ran out of ammo- claims are 25 M/Ts destroyed, 60 M/Ts damaged, 8 tanks damaged, 1 buildings destroyed, and many troops, strewn along the roads, killed. Other Observation along route: 8 light gun positions at R-0385. Flak: scant, light at R-1381; intense light at R-0588. No E/A. No losses. "eather: 3/10 over target, base 4000 feet, tops unknown, visibility good. Down at base, 0940 hours.

A.O.17. 12 P-47s of 367 Squadron dispatched at 1055 hours on armed recce,, Neustadt, Kaiserslautern - Neunkirchen. Each A/C carried 2 x 500# GPs and 1 x 260# Frag with 9-inch spike, inst. fuse.

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Route flown: base to Pirmasens to base: very bad weather conditions made it impossible to follow briefed course. Time over target, 1150-1210 hours. 8 GPs and 4 Frags were dropped on town at R-040552; good concentration, fire started intown -- at least one bldg destroyed. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped on R-377470 -- 1 road cut. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped on town at R-270320 --NRO. 4 GPs and 2 Frags dropped on town at R-240200 -- 7 bldgs destroyed; fire started in town. 4 GPs and 2 Frags on flak position at R-405565 -- No claim. Strafing attacks elsewhere and claims: 1 HDV facing north at R-377470 -- destroyed; 2 flak guns at R-422608 -- 1 destroyed and 1 damaged. Flak: moderate light at R-2732; moderate heavy at R-0455; intense light at R-2732. 4 P-47s damaged by flak, 3 cat 1 and 1 cat 2; 1 pilot injured by pieces of canopy, not serious. Enemy A/C, nil. Weather: 10/10ths, 2500, - 8000 feet; visibility above unlimited, below, 1-2 miles. Down at base, 1305 hours.

B. (i) 23 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Tunnel at R-170934.
Tunnel at R-207890.
Also strafed the following:-
Train, 40 cars, loaded with heavy machinary at R-0588.
2 flak guns and 1 bldg at R-130815.
Panzer division, strafed, 150-200 M/Ts, half-tracks, vans, busses, and 10 plus tanks at R-140823, R-140823
12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Town at R-040552.
At R-377470, road cut.
Town at R-270320.
Town at R-240200.
Flak positions at R-405565.
Also strafed the following:-
1 HDV facing north at R-377470.
2 flak guns at R-422608.
23 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 4 A/C, damaged; by flak, 3 a/c Cat 1; and 1 a/c Cat 2.
(viii) 23

C. Nil

D. (i) 50:15
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 55,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 18,270 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

G. (i) 46 - 500# GP bombs,fused-tail M113; 8-15 seconds.
23 - 260# Frag bombs, fused-nose M103,tail 100A2,9"extension. inst fuse.

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(ii) 45 - 500# GPs and 23 - 260# Frags dropped on targets as follows:-
7 GPs and 4 Frags on tunnel at R-170934.
14 GPs and 7 Frags on tunnel at R-207890.
8 GPs and 4 Frags on town at R-040552.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on rails at R-377470.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on town at R-270320.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on town at R-240200.
4 GPs and 2 Frags on flak position at R-405565.

(iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb jettisoned in the vicinity of Pirmasens. (which hung up during the bomb run).

(iv) Nil

G. F/O RICHARD B. MARTIN, T-144263, Slightly injured, by pieces of canopy; flak. Vicinity of Wissembourg.

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 25
c) Damaged, 60

2. Armored vehicles and tanks,
c) Damaged, 8

4. Railroad cars,
c) Damaged, 40

6. Gun emplacements,
a) Destroyed, 1
c) Damaged, 3

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 10

10. Roads cut, 1

11. Railroads cut, 1

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 1

17. Other claims,
Tunnel, c) Damaged, 1

4. (3) Operations No.: A.O.18, 20 and 23. To perform Air-cooperation and Armed recce.

A. A.O.18 11 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1105 hours to perform air cooperation and armed recce. A/C carried 33 x 500# GP bombs, 8-11 seconds. Followed route of base to Elmstein to Neustadt to Landau to base. Time in target areas: 1203-1245 hours. 12 bombs dropped on M/Y at Schifferstadt at R-4687 -- 1 M/Y attacked, 2 bldgs destroyed. Another bldg was destroyed at R-455879. 6 bombs

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were dropped on the small M/Y at R-4187 — 1 M/Y attacked, 1 bldg destroyed. 5 bombs were dropped on the M/Y at R-3786 where 30 boxcars and passenger cars were in the yard -- 1 M/Y attacked, 1 building destroyed, 1 boxcars destroyed. 9 bombs were dropped on a train, composed of loco and 50 boxcars, moving SE at R-460885 1 rail cut, 3 boxcars destroyed. 2 HDV were strafed at R-4484 -- 2 horses killed. 1 bomb was jettisoned at R-3096. At R-3096, 2 HDV were observed going E. Flak: at Schifferstadt and at R-4677, moderate, light and moderate, heavy flak. No losses, no E/A. Weather: 9/10, base from deck to 3000 ft, tops 9000 ft, visibility below 3 miles. Down at base: 1330 hours.

A.O.20. 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 0740 hours to perform Air-cooperation and armed recce. Squadron carried 24 x 500# GP bombs and 4 x 260# Frags, fused 8-15 seconds. Followed route of base to Saarbrucken to Landau to R-3664 to base. Time in target areas, 0810 - 0930 hours. All Square had no target and turned Squadron over to Gosling Blue, who led them to troop concentration at R-3664 and R-4264, where a company of troops were in foxholes. 16 GPs and 2 Frags were dropped on troop concentrations at R-3664. Also made four strafing passes here. 8 GPs and 2 Frags were dropped on troop concentrations at R-4264. Also strafed. A large number of troops were killed at both of the above points. Our squadron also directed Red Tape Squadron into this area. Other Strafing attacks and claims: at R-3757, 1 half-track going south -- damaged; at R-438638, 1 M/T going south -- damaged; at R-4265, 1 M/T going south — damaged; at R-415640, 1 M/T going south -- damaged; at R-4064, H/D vehicles going south -- horse and vehicle destroyed; at R-4165, 2 H/D vehicles going southeast -- both horses and vehicles destroyed; at R-4066, 1 M/T -- damaged; at R-3363, 1 H/D vehicle -- destroyed; at R-3462, 1 M/T -- damaged; at R-3659, 1 H/D vehicles and 1 half-track -- both damaged; at R-354600, 3 M/Ts destroyed, left burning, and 5 bldgs damaged (1 of them left burning); at R-345595, 1 light flak gun -- damaged; at R-4066, town of Bellheim, -- no claim. Observations along route included: 12 balloons over Speyer, 3-4000 feet, Flak: intense light at R-3260, scant light at R-3757, moderate light at R-4066. 2 P-47s damaged, cat 2, flak. E/A: nil. Weather: between Pirmasens and Landau, 5/10ths, 3000 - 4000 feet, and 8/10ths, 7000 - 8000 ft, with visibility up sun nil and down sun 1 mile; east of Landau, 8/10, 7000 - 8000 feet, visibility, 5 - 7 miles. Down at base, 1000 hours.

A.O.22. 16 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 1148 hours to perform air cooperation and armed recce mission. A/C carried 8 x 325 torpex bombs, instant, 16 x 260# frag bombs, and 24 x 500# GP bombs. Followed route of base to R-5465 to R-7010 to base. Time in target areas; 1215-1330 hours. Squadron contacted All Square and target was marked with white and red smoke. 4 torpex bombs and 2 Frags were dropped on the woods at R-535640, with 6 hits in the woods. Controller instructed the Squadron not to bomb further. 4 torpex bombs, 14 frag bombs, and 24 GPs were then dropped on the woods at R-5465. There were 39 hits in the woods and the area was also strafed, but NRO. Flak was

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moderate, light at R-5465. No E/A, no losses. Weather: 9/10, base 3000, tops 6500, visibility above unlimited, below 5-6 miles. Down at base: 1400 hours.

B. (i) 39 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 11 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at Schifferstadt at R-4687.
M/Y at R-4187.
M/Y at R-3786, 30 boxcars in the yard.
Train, loco and 50 boxcars, moving SE at R-460885.

12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Troop concentrations at R-3664, also strafed same.
Troop concentrations at R-4264, also strafed same.
Also strafed the following:-
1 half-track at R-3757.
1 M/T going south at R-438638.
1 M/T going south at R-4265.
1 M/T going south at R-415640.
H/D vehicle going south at R-4064.
2 H/D vehicles going SE at R-4165.
1 M/T at R-4065.
1 H/D at R-3363.
1 M/T at R-3462.
1 H/D vehicle and 1 half-track at R-3659.
3 M/Ts and 5 bldgs, at R-354600.
1 light flak gun at R-345595.
Town of Bellheim, at R-4066.

16 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
Woods at R-535640, also strafed same.
Woods at R-5465, also strafed same.

39 A/C completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 39

C. Nil

D. (i) 90:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 93,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 39,320 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 81 - 500# GP bombs, fused-tail 57-M113 and 24-M101A2, 8-11 seconds.
20 - 260# Frag bombs, fued- 8-15 second;nose M103, tail M100A2.
8 - 325# Torpex bombs, instant, nose MK19; fuse ext 9".

(ii) 80 - 500# GP bombs, 20 - 260# Frags, and 8 - 325# Torpex, deptth bombs expended as follows:-

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12 GP bombs on M/Y at Schifferstadt at R-4686.
6 GPs on small M/Y at R-4187.
5 GPs on M/Y at R-3786.
9 GPs on a train, loco and 50 boxcars, moving SE at R-460885.
16 GPs, 2 Frags, were dropped on troop concentrations at R-3664.
8 GPs and 2 Frags on troop concentrations at R-4264.
24 GPs and 14 Frags on woods at [illegible]-5465.
4 Torpex bombs on woods at [illegible]-5465.
4 Torpex and 2 Frag bombs on woods at [illegible]-535640

(iii) 1 - 500# GP bomb jettisoned, at R-3096.
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged, 6

4, Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 4

6. Gun emplacements,
c) Damaged, 1

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 6

11. Railroads cut, 5

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
c) Damaged, 4

14. M/Y attacked, 1

17. Other claims,
Horses, killed, 2

4.(4) Operation No. : A.O.23. Air cooperation mission.

A. A.O.23. 12 P-47s of 365 Squadron dispatched at 1550 hours to perform air cooperation mission with All Square. A/C carried 24 x 500# GP bombs, 8-15 seconds, 11 x 500# M-76 bombs, instant. Followed route of base to [illegible]-4866 to base. Time in target area: 1620-1650 hours. Contacted All Square. Smoke was on the target. All bombs dropped on town of Gudingen at [illegible]-4866. 3 good fires were started. Squadron dropped on town all bombs, (Gudingen) at [illegible]-4866. 3 good fires were started. Squadron estimates that 6 bldgs destroyed, 3 buildings damaged, 1 road block left on road E out of town.

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Mexico confirmed 4 buildings were destroyed after leaving area. Flak was scant light at Fechingen (Q-4866). No losses, no E/A. Weather: 6/10, base 3500 ft, tops 6000 ft visibility 5-7 miles. Down at base: 1720 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on town of Gudingen at Q-4866.
12 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 21:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 11,180 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs, fused 8-15 seconds, tail M114.
11 - 500# M-76 bombs (incendiary) instant. nose, M103, tail M101A2.
(ii) 24 - 500# GPs and 11 - 500# M-76 (Incendiary) bombs expended as follows:-
On Town of Gudingen at Q-4866.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 9. Buildings,
a) Destroyed, 6
c) Damaged, 3

10. Roads cut, 1

For the Group Commander:

Joseph J. Grazis

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army
March 4, 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat, Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPREP A. No. 10 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours 3 March, 1945.
Operations Order No. 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 45. 12 a/c off at 0910 on pre-briefed escort mission of B-26's who were attacking ammo dump at G-598765. TOT Nil. Squadron escorted bombers on course as far as I-4014 when the bombers turned around and came back due to cloud cover. At U-8585 bomber leader told squadron that they were no longer needed for escort. 12 a/c landed at 1130. Flak: Nil. Weather: 9/10 at 1500' to 3000' over base as far as St. Mihiel rising to 7000' tops and becoming 10/10 to the NE and E.

A. AO 46. 12 a/c off at 0655 on a pre-briefed armed recce of route 3. TOT 0810. Locomotive with five cars bombed and strafed at R-4272 with 3n/m and 5 misses. The rest of the armed recce had very good results. 9 a/c landed at 0950; 2 at 1055 and one a/c destroyed at R-4277. Flak: Intense small arms fire from R-4770 and R-4062. Scant heavy accurate from R-4070; Moderate heavy accurate from R-4590; Intense light accurate from R-5090 and R-5595; Intense heavy accurate from R-5794. Weather: 9/10 from 6,000' to 8,000' from base to R-5080.

A. AO 47. 10 a/c off at 0730 on pre-briefed bombing and armed recce along route 7. TOT 0930. Squadron leader called Baggage for a fix and was told to call another squadron in flight, which vectored him to R-1783. 30 plus tanks and vehicles were parked under trees along the road. There were two direct hits among the vehicles and two strafing passes were made on them after the bombing. Target was bombed from 4,000 feet. 8 a/c landed at 1020 and 2 returned early. Flak: Nil. Weather: 7/10 over entire route 800' altitude over base rising to the east.

A. AO 48. 12 a/c off at 0835 on pre-briefed bombing and armed recce of route 2. TOT 1030. After flying to Kaiserlauten, Neustadt and Karlsruhe in search of break in over cast, controller instructed flight to jettison bombs through over cast 15 miles E. of Bitche. Flight was then 12000 feet headed north. Mission unevetful. 12 a/c landed at 1125. Flak: Nil. Weather: Base to Nancy 5/10 clouds. Bomb safe line east 10/10 clouds at 7,000 feet.

A. AO 49. 12 a/c off at 1110 on pre-briefed bombing and armed recce of tanks at R-2284 and M/T at R-1482. TOT 1210. One hundred fifty rail road cars attacked in center of M/Y at R-6991 from 4,000 feet, with 14 direct hits and ten near misses. 12 a/c landed at 1335. Flak: Moderate light accurate, Moderate heavy accurate and moderate small arms fire from R-6991. Weather: 9/10 from 4,000 to 10,000 feet from base to Saarbrucken. 9/10 from 4,000 to 10,000 in Mannheim area.

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OPERATIONS (CONT'D)

Bombing

B. 1. 46 P-47D's
2. 32 P-47D's
3. 12 jettisoned bombs by order of Controller, 1 nose fairing, 1 s/c accounted other lack.
4. Nil
5. Nil
6. 1 P-47D-27RE 42-26809 enemy flak.
7. 4 P-47Ds damaged (category 1) flak
1 P-47D damaged (category 2) flak
8. 46

C. 1. 46 X 75 gal. belly tanks
2. 2 X 75 gal. belly tanks

D. 1. 110 hours 55 minutes
2. Nil

E. 1. 139,200 x .50 cal.
2. 32,480 x .50 cal.
3. 3,000 x .50 cal.

F. 1. 58 x 500 Gp.
34 x 500 RDX
2. 40 x 500 Gp.
24 x 500 RDX
3. 14 x 500 Gp. 5 miles N. of Bitche
10 x 500 RDX 5 miles N. of Bitche
4. Nil

G. Capt. Arthur D. Dunnaugh, O-661727 (KIA)

H. 1 thru 3 Nil

I. Claims on ground: 7 locomotives destroyed; 4 locomotives damaged; 2 M/T destroyed; 16 boxcars destroyed; 16 boxcars damaged; 4 flatcars destroyed; 10 passenger cars damaged; 2 tanks destroyed; 1 road block; 1 wooden tower destroyed and an unknown number of personnel casualities.

ESCORT

E. 1. 12 P-47D's
2. 12 P-47D's
3. Nil
4. ~~1~~ thru 7 Nil. 8.-12

C. 1. 2 X 110 gal wing tank.
11 X 75 gal belly tank
2. Nil

D. 1. 2h:00
2. Nil

E. 1. 26,800 X.50 Cal.
2 thru 3 Nil

F. 1 thru 4 Nil

G. Nil

H. 1 thru 3 Nil

I. Nil

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Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTIETH FIGHTER GROUP A-1-2

APO 374, U.S.ARMY,
4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 296.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Control.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 296 for 24 hours ending sunset 3 March 1945.
Operations Order AO No. 1, 2,3,7,14, XII Fighter Command.

AO 1. One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 0710 hours, 3 March 1945, Lt. Rathbone leading, 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 22 x 500 RDX bombs at M-170098 scoring 1 railcut, destroying 2 buildings and scoring 1 highway block. 2 locomotives were destroyed, 5 My cars were damaged by strafing at M-160098. 2 locomotives were destroyed, 8 passenger cars were damaged and 1 building was damaged by strafing at M-110065. 8 bursts of heavy flak was encountered at M-170098. 2 x 500 RDX bombs were jettisoned at Pirmassens. Time down at A-96, 0909 hours.

AO 2 One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1044 hours, 3 March 1945, Lt. Roberts leading, 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 RDX bombs, 6 x 500 TNT bombs on a concentration of trucks in a wooded area at R-132327, 5 direct hits were scored but trees prevented observation. 1 truck was strafed and destroyed at this point. 2 gun carriers were strafed and destroyed at R-120315. 2 x 500 RDX and 2 x 500 TNT bombs were returned to base. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1302 hours.

AO 3 One squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1156 hours, 3 March 1945, Lt. Scott leading, 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 20 x 500 RDX bombs on a bridge at WISSEMBOURG, all bombs missed the bridge. 3 x 500 RDX bombs were dropped on WISSEMBOURG with unobserved results. 5 rockets were shot at a rail line with unobserved results. 1 x 500 RDX and 11 rockets were returned to the base. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak was encountered near Worms. Time down at A-96, 1413 hours.

AO 7 One squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing Mission from A-96 at 1534 hours, 3 March 1945, Lt. Ginder leading, 16 P47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 RDX bombs, 2 x 260 frag and 16 rockets were expended on a group of warehouses at R-296630, squadron was unable to determine damage. 8 x M.76, 4 x 260 frag bombs were jettisoned armed on enemy territory at R-4350 with unobserved results. Moderate, heavy and light, accurate flak was encountered at R-298622. Time down at A-96, 1736 hours.

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AO 14 One Squadron of Group took off on a Dive Bombing and Escort Mission from A-96 at 0844 hours, 3 March 1945, Capt. Goode leading, 12 P47D's took off and completed Mission. Escort Mission was uneventful. 16 x 500 RDX bombs were dropped at Q-576762 with unobserved results. Scant, inaccurate, light flak was encountered over target. Time down at A-96, 1055 hours.

DIVE BOMBING.

B. 1. 76 x P47D.
2. 76
3. thru 5. Nil.
6. 1 P47D was destroyed by bomb blast at R-132327.
7. 1 Cat I Flak.
8. 76 Sorties.

C. None.

D. 164 hours x P47D.

E. 1. 144,400 rds x 50 Cal.
2. 15,400 rds expended.

F. 1. 96 x 500 RDX, Normal.
8 x 500 TNT, 8-11 seconds.
8 x M.76 Incendiary Clusters.
6 x 260 Fragmentation.
32 x 5" Rockets.

2. 88 x 500 RDX Normal
6 x 500 TNT, 8-11 seconds.
2 x 260 Fragmentation.
21 x 5" Rockets.

3. 5 x 500 RDX Normal jettisoned (on enemy territory).
8 x M.76 incendiary clusters.
4 x 260 Fragmentation

4. 3 x 500 RDX, Normal, returned to base.
2 x 500 TNT, 8-11
11 x 5" rockets returned to base.

G. 2nd Lt. Jack D. Kerns, Mia, ship was hit by bomb blast and one wing was severed when the plane he piloted struck a tree at R-132327.

H. Nil.

I. Other claims on ground.
1 railcut.
1 roadblock
2 bldgs destroyed
1 bldg damaged
4 locomotives destroyed.
13 RR cars damaged.
1 M/T destroyed.
2 gun carriers destroyed. (M/T)

For the Group Commander:

Henry B. Tapp,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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To TAC STAT. Section

DAILY CLAIM SHEET

1. Hq. 86th Fighter Group AAF
Group or Separate Squadron

2. 3 March 1945
Date of Report

	DESTROYED	DAMAGED
M/T	3	3
Tanks		
RR Locomotives		
RR Cars	3	
Gun Positions		5
RR Bridges		
Highway Bridges		
Ammunition Dumps		
Supply Dumps		
Fuel Dumps		
Radar Stations		
Mobile Guns		
Horse Drawn Vehicles	4	3
Aircraft on Ground		
Miscellaneous Buildings	13	1
All Other Claims Pontoon bridges		2

	SUNK	PROBABLY SUNK	DAMAGED
Ships and Small Boats			

	COMPLETELY	PARTIALLY
No. Road Blocks		1
No. Railroad Cuts		5

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 3 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3100

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1430 Time Down 1640 Total Hours 26:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombigg and strafing 3. Weather Snow 9/10 cover at 4000'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed Stores Dump at R-357689, Germany.	1515	8	1,000'
Bombed Pontoon Bridge at R-2932, Germany.	1515	4	1,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500#GP	Inst. N&T	24	16	8			0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	30,000	12,210

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Moderate	R-3329
Light	Inaccurate	Intense	R-3569 , R-8140
Light	Inaccurate	Moderate	Flak train at R-6853

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft DXXXX Dam.	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
1 P-47D (020) Cat. I	Dam. by shell casing	nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No.

SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute , in string over target. 4 A/c bombed pontoon bridge at R-2932; 2 bombs were direct hits and 6 bombs were near misses on east approach starting large fires as though gas lines were burning . Fires also indicated that a small dump may have been hit. Flight strafed town of Seltz at R-2633, no results observed. Flight strafed at R-3429, no results obs. 8 A/C bombed primary target at R-357689; 14 bombs were direct hits and 2 bombs long over target. Two buildings destroyed causing black smoke to rise from target. Strafed four light 20mm gun positions firing at flight just N.E. of target. Strafed and damaged pontoon bridge at R-4763. Scattered pontoon bridges seen along Rhine River from Germersheim to Karlsruhs. Strafed 15 R.R. cars at R-6341 causing one fire. Cars appeared to be loaded with scrap metal. Strafed 12 R.R. cars at R-5750, cars appeared loaded with building material. Strafed house that appeared to be a loading shed at R-6041, house burned. Strafed and dest. 1 M/T at R-6238, 1 M/T at R-7937, 1 M/T at R-7936; 1 M/T damaged at R-8640.

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For the Group Commander!

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 3 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3097

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1110 Time Down 1300 Total Hours 22:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather 10/10 cover at 8,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type nil Reason
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed in area of Seltz (R-2634), Germany.	1215	12	10,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500#GP	Inst. N&T	24	24				0	0

Explosive Jettisoned: Number nil Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	30,000	0

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
nil			

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss. No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. Weather prevented attack on primary target: tank and M/T concentrations at R-1482 to R-2284. Flight called controller and asked for "eggbasket". Reception of controller was poor and controller gave flight too many headings making it difficult to bomb. Flight bombed through overcast in area of Seltz at R-2634, no results observed due to weather. No enemy movements obs.

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 3 March 45 Mission No. 3096

1. No Of 16 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0915 Time Down 1040 1055 1135 Total Hours 29:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Escort and Bombing 3. Weather 6/10 at 3-7000', open in places.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type: Nil Reason:
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: Nil Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Escort 54 B-26's attacking dump at WQ-598765. 8 a/c bombs guns at WQ-588758 & WQ-576762. b. Time over Objective: 0950 c. No. A/C Attacking: 8 d. Alt. of Release: 10,000'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting 54 B-26's
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 8 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Cover

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500GP	Inst	16	8	8			Nil	Nil

Explosive Jettisoned: Nil Number: Reason: Location:

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	44,800	150

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "Paper flak	inacc	mod	L-3000

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties:

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type): Nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type): Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Tactical formation enroute. Made R/V at 0930, bombers circled then headed on coarse. Results of bombing unobserved due overcast. No incident.
Bombing results: 4 a/c salvoed thru overcast after calling Baggage and getting ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ position. Results NRO. Dropped in Vicinity WQ-9256. 4 a/c bombed M/Y in vicinity of Q-7997, after calling Baggage and getting fix. 2 x 500 hit cars, destroying 3 cars. Remainder NRO.

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 3 March 45 Mission No. 3099

1. No Of 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1355 Time Down 1545 Total Hours 20:20 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing

3. Weather 10/10 - 6000-9000' also clouds on deck at certain spots. Hole over target.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:
No. & Type: 649, P-47D Reason: Lost escape panel

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission
No. & Type: Nil Reason:

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Attack dump & barracks R-488784.
b. Time over Objective: 1455
c. No. A/C Attacking: 11
d. Alt. of Release: 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil
b. Escorting Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500GP	Inst	16 24	16 22				Nil	Nil

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500GP	2	No landings with bombs	Lake Q-2822

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	585

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	inacc	mod	R-4878

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties:

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Glids bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. 18 x 500 were direct hits in target area R-488784. 2 missed target area and made road block, 2 cut one rail R-488784. Although building locked demolished, at least four more were hit and destroyed. Target was also strafed. Bad weather made recce impossible.

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 3 Mar 45 Mission No. 3095

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0825 Time Down 1030 Total Hours 23:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather .7 cover from 2-7,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Supply dump at Q-889737 then recce area #2 | b. Time over Objective: 0925 | c. No. A/C Attacking: 12 | d. Alt. of Release: 3,000'

6. a. Escorted by: Nil b. Escorting: Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	Inst	24	24				

Exolosive Jettisoned: Number: Nil Reason: Location:

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	17,650

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	Barrage type at Q-8873
Light	Inaccurate	Scant	R-4060
SAF	Accurate	Intense	R-4162--R-3865

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location: Aggressiveness:

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
1 P-47D-27RE 42-27106 26l Cat #1	Enemy flak	2nd Lt., Thomas F. Ellis bailed out in friendly territory

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA: Nil MIA on Miss. No.

e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded: Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type): E/A Damaged (No. & Type):

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Flight dive bombed from 8500' to 3,000'. 16 direct hits in target area. Results unobserved. One building was observed to explode. 2 hits on 20 MM gun position N. of target. 20MM gun position strafed SW of target. Strafed enemy troops at R-3865, made 6-8 strafing passes. 4 horse drawn vehicles destroyed and 3 horse drawn vehicles damaged at R-3666 to R-3865. 2 MT strafed and damaged at R-3466. Slit trenches strafed at R-4162. 20MM GP damaged and crew killed at R-4060. Lt. Ellis hit with flak flew plane to friendly territory and bailed out at Q-885037, he was observed to land safely.

FOR THE GROUP COMMANDER:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 3 Mar 45 Mission No. 3098

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1130 Time Down 1335 Total Hours 25:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather .9 cover 4-5,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Ordnance depot at R-588910 then recce area #3
b. Time over Objective: 1235
c. No. A/C Attacking: 12
d. Alt. of Release: 3500'

6. a. Escorted by: Nil
b. Escorting: Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: 12
Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost or MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C	to Base
500GP	Inst	24	23					1

Exolosive Jettisoned / Number / Reason / Location: Nil

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	2700

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	R-5891, R-5079

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered / Location / Aggressiveness: Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses / b. Cause / c. Crew Casualties: Nil
d. A/C Rt'd From MIA / MIA on Miss. No. / e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded / MIA on Miss. No.: Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) / E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) / E/A Damaged (No. & Type): Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Flight dive bombed from 8,000' to 3500'. 15 X 500 in target area causing at least 4 explosions and 2 fires with white smoke to 1500'. 8 X 500 on rails just W of target area effecting 4 cuts. Buildings in S part of target area well covered and estimate 6 buildings destroyed.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 3 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3094

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0815 Time Down 1025 Total Hours 24:20 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather 8/10 cover at 4000'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 P-47D	Hyd. system

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed rail yards at R-2837, Germany.	1000	9	2,000'
Bombed at R-3274, Germany.	1000	1	1,500'
Bombed at Q-8871, Germany.	1000	1	2,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500#GP	Inst. N&T	24	18	2	2		0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500#GP	2	Safety measure	Friendly territory at Q-2513.

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	30,000	360

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Slight	R-2837
Small Arms	Inaccurate	Moderate	R-1158

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft ~~DEG~~ Dam.	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
1 P-47D (861) Cat. I	Enemy A/A	nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW, LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type).
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. 9 A/C attacked rail yards at R-2837; 8 bombs dropped in yards , demolishing building with large smoke stack a nd starting a fire, 10 bombs were unobserved. 1 A/C bombed at R-3274, 2 bombs cratered road. 1 A/C bombed in vicinity of Q-8871, no results observed. Weather prevented attack on primary target (10/10 cover 4000'-6000'), flight directed to tank movement west of Neustadt (R-2784), but when flight arrived there was instructed by "Darkline" that weather over mts. made bombing inadvisable. Obs. white paper discs and several green bursts in vicinity of R-1158.

For the Group Commander:

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
3 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 3 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2920 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0715 down at 0915, target, 5 boxcars at Q-845715. 4 A/C bombed here. T.O.T. 0805, bomb run to 2500', 9 hits, 150 yds E. of target, 2 hits in town, 3 buildings destroyed, also fired 10 rockets here, all near misses, no damage. 1 A/C dropped 3 bombs at Q-850620, all misses. 3 A/C bombed 50 to 75 loaded coal cars at Q-812709, 3 failed to explode, 4 misses, 2 unobserved, 5 rockets fired, 1 hit coal car destroying it. Weather: Open patches between Saarbrucken - Homburg - Pirmasens - Bitch but hazy. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 7 x 260 lb Frags, 15 Rockets.

Mission 2921 (Armed recce mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0720 down at 0905, target, rails between Q-975690 & Q-969698, bombed 15 plus boxcars on siding. T.O.T. 0820, bomb run to 3000', 29 hits on target, caused explosion in cars with orange flames & black smoke, 2 RR cuts, 6 cars destroyed, 9 damaged, 2 near misses, 2 misses, 2 hung up, dropped at Q-8080. Weather 10/10ths 4000' - 7000' at R-0268, clear between Pirmasens - Zweibrucken. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 11 x 250 lb Demo.

Mission 2922 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0730 down at 0945, target, loco, 11 passenger cars & 50 boxcars at M/Y at M-426230, 4 A/C bombed here. T.O.T. 0815, bomb run to 1500', 5 direct hits on loco, destroying it & causing 1 RR cut, 2 near misses, 2 hits W side, 1 hit E of loco & 1 miss. Strafed & fired rockets here, 2 hit 1 passenger car destroying it, 6 rockets short, 8 unobserved. Strafed & damaged 3 MT at M-425267. 4 A/C bombed same target 5 hits in M/Y, destroying 2 boxcars & 2 buildings, 1 hit W between 2 buildings damaging both, 1 failed to explode, 2 missed loco hit tracks, 2 misses. Strafed cars, 10 damaged. Strafed 3 locos, destroying 1 & damaging 2. 1 MT destroyed at M-455268. Weather, bomb line to Worms 10/10ths 4000' - 7000' bomb line to base 6/10ths 4000' to 7500'. 1 A/C damaged, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 260 lb Frags, 16 Rockets.

Mission 2923 (Armed recce mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1000 down at 1220, target, town at Q-5466. T.O.T. 1155, bomb run to 1000', 33 direct hits in town, 1 hit SE, large explosion SE end of town, causing fire & smoke, 14 buildings destroyed. Weather, base to target 5/10ths 4000' - 8000', target area, 8/10ths to 10/10ths 3000' - 8000'. Bombs exp: 10 x 250 lb Demo, 24 x 500 lb GP.

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Mission 2924 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1045 down at 1245, target, cross roads in town of Fechingen at Q-5167. T.O.T. 1210, bomb run to 1000', 17 bombs & 20 rockets in town, smoke obscured target so flight could not see exact hits, 10 buildings destroyed, 2 x 500 lb GP, jettisoned safe at Q-3814. Scant LAA at target. Weather: Saarbrucken to base 8/10ths - 9/10ths 3000' - 6000', visibility, good. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 260 lb Frags.

Mission 2925 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at1100 down at 1245, target, town of Fechingen. T.O.T. 1220, bomb run to 1000', 17 bombs & 17 rockets in town, 2 hung up, believed dropped S edge of town, 2 explosions with flames & black smoke from town no claims made because of smoke from previous bombing. Scant small arms fire from target. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Weather: Saarbrucken to base 8/10ths - 9/10ths 3000' - 6000', visibility good. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP, 3 x 260 lb Frags 17 Rockets.

Mission 2926 (Armed recce mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1325 down at 1525, target, Korwestheim M/Y at S-0530. T.O.T. 1435, bomb run to 4000', 29 hits scattered throughout M/Y, 1 building destroyed, rest of damage not known due to overcast. 5 bombs dropped through overcast at W-3070. Moderate HAA & scant LAA at target. Weather 9/10ths - 10/10ths 3000' to 12,000' entire area. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 lb GP, 10 x 250 lb Demo.

Mission 2927 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1600 down at 1715, target, buildings with tanks inside at S end of Ensheim at Q-545672. T.O.T. 1630, bomb run to 1000', 30 hits in target area, 1 hit at Q-535660 starting fire, 1 hit E & 1 at Q-540655, 1 factory type building damaged. Strafed & fired rockets at town. 4 A/C strafed Eschringen at Q-540660. Scant LAA from target. Weather 8/10ths 4000' - 6500', rain showers & snow in entire area. Bombs exp: 6 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 500 lb Incd. 23 x 250 lb Demo. 32 Rockets.

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

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Note 4 B	(i)	76	
	(ii)	76	
	(vii)	2	Flak, Cat #1
	(viii)	76	
C	(i)	5	75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	144:45	
Note 6 E	(i)	152,000	
	(ii)	26,850	
Note 7 F	(i)	142 x 500 lb GP	
		4 x 500 lb Incd.	
		31 x 250 lb Demo.	
		42 x 260 lb Frags	
		108 Rockets	
	(ii)	140 x 500 lb GP	
		4 x 500 lb Incd.	
		31 x 250 lb Demo.	
		42 x 260 lb Frags.	
		86 Rockets	
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb GP	
		(Returned 22 Rockets to base)	

Note 10 I	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	1	3
Locos	2	2
RR cars	10	19
Buildings	30	3
	Complete	
RR cuts	2	

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie
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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP EG/4
APO 374 U.S. Army

4 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No.: 229 for the period ending Sunset 2 March 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 23. Armed Recce Missions.

A. A.O.16 12 P-47s of 366th Squadron dispatched at 0745 to perform A/R mission, bomb loadings were as follows; 20 x 260# frags, 8 x 460# incendiaries, and 8 x 500# GPs, frags and incendiaries were fused instantaneously, 500# GPs 8-15 sec. Route followed: base to Pirmasens to base. Time over target area 0815 - 0850. Sq. was turned over to "Gosling Blue" who gave squadron target of 2 trains, 1 at R-0265 and 1 at R-0666. 8 x 460# incend, 4 GPs and 12 frags were dropped on train at R-0666, with 1 loco headed W (no steam) and 60 cars, 20 near misses, claim 20 cars destroyed, and 20 cars damaged. 8 frags and 4 GPs dropped on train, 1 loco and 10 box cars, headed N, steam up, at R-0265, 2 direct hits; claim 1 loco and 5 box cars damaged. Squadron made 24 strafing passes at 1 loco and 50 cars at R-0363, headed NW, train consisting of 15 flat cars, 5 ammo cars, 30 coaches. Ammo cars blew up - claim 5 destroyed, 15 tanks on flat cars damaged, and 1 loco and 45 cars damaged. Flak: weak light at R-0363, and weak light at R-0666, R-0265. Enemy a/c nil; 2nd Lt. Hamrick exploded in mid-air at R-0362, MIA, believed hit by flak. Weather: No cloud, visibility 1 mile up sun, down sun unlimited. Down at base 0925.

A.O.17 12 P-47s of 365th Sqdn dispatched at 0645 hours to bomb and to perform A/R in area #7. A/C carried 20 x 260# Frag bombs, inst., 8 x 500# GP bombs, 8-15 sec., and 8 x M-17 (460) incendiary bombs Followed route of base to Bruschal to Karlsruhe to base, but A/R was not completed because planes were low on gas. Time in target areas: 0730-0845 hours. 6 frags, 2 GPs and 4 incendiaries dropped on loco (facing S, steam up) and 15 box cars at R-662693 -

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loco and 5 cars damaged and 2 buildings destroyed by burning. 7 frags and 2 incendiaries were dropped on loco moving N at R-554673 - loco damaged. 3 GPs were dropped on loco and 25 flat cars, with M/Ts and tanks, and 25 box cars, moving N at R-533673 - loco damaged. 6 strafing passes at this point started 1 oil fire on the last car and damaged 25 box cars. However, Sqdn was unable to assess damage to tanks and M/Ts. 7 frags, 2 GPs, and 2 incendiaries dropped on the loco and 10 flat cars loaded with logs, headed N at R-537555 - loco destroyed. Other strafing attacks and claims: at R-6668, fire started and 15 box cars damaged; at R-545603, where loco with 15 flat cars stacked with lumber were headed N, loco damaged; at R-573513, where 3 flat cars with M/T and 7 passenger cars were seen, 7 passenger cars and 3 M/Ts were damaged; at R-600475, where loco with 15 flat cars loaded with 10 tanks, were seen, loco destroyed and 1 M/T also destroyed; at R-5466, where loco and 20 coal cars were headed N and where another loco and 20 box cars were headed S, 2 locos and 20 box cars were damaged; at R-5267, where 8 HDV, heading SE were seen, 1 HDV DEstroyed; at R-520707, where loco and 30 box cars were headed NE, loco and 4 cars were damaged; at R-562728, where loco and 15 box and coal cars, with steam up, headed N, were seen, loco was damaged; at R-587813, where loco and 7 passenger coaches were headed S, 3 cars were damaged and several of the passengers, who were military personnel, were killed. Observations along route: at R-5246, train headed N, composition unknown because of distance; at R-5349, train headed N, composition unknown because of distance; at R-6775, train headed S, again composition unknown because of distance of sqdn from point where observed; at R-499585, loco and 6 box cars moving S; at R-575775, 10 car hospital train, stationary; town of Bruschal burning, several fires; at R-568608, 2 M/T parked facing N; between Otterbach (R-1752) and Sternfeld (R-2250), a line of dragon's teeth fortifications and 1½ miles N of this area, tank trap ditch observed; just S and SE of Bergzabern, system of trenches seen; at R-387517, loco and 15 box cars moving N; at R-282552, loco and 20 box cars, stationary, facing N, steam up; at R-285655, 1 loco stationary, steam up. Very difficult to get "Baggage" on "C" channel. Flak: scant light at R-5063, R-5974, R-5357, R-6669, R-5650. 1 P-47 was damaged, Cat 1, flak. E/A nil. Weather: 4/10s, 4,000 ft base, tops 5,000 ft, visibility 6-8 miles down sun, 2 miles up sun. 1 GP returned to base, failed to release. Down 0925 hours.

A.O.18 12 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1025 hours to perform A/R with "Pineapple", a/c carried 18 x 500# GP's with 8-15 sec. delay, 3 x M76 fire bombs, and 15 x 260# frags. Route flown: base to Landau to Neustadt to base. "Gosling Brown" led sqdn. to camouflaged gun position at R-1368, target pinpointed by pilots to be at R-125695. 16 GPs and 5 frags were dropped in area, direct hits with 2 GPs and 1 frag - no claim made - target was well camouflaged. 10 frags and 3 fire bombs and 2 GPs dropped on town

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of Wilgartsen (R-103677) town left burning, several small fires and one large fire started, claim 6 buildings destroyed. Time over target 1050 - 1230 hours. Observations along route: Neustadt M/Y ½ full. Landau M/Y 1/3 full. 2 M/Ts parked at R-4184. 4 flat cars loaded parked between 2 hospitals at Wissembourg. Flak: heavy, scant in area R-4097, R-4084. Losses: 1 P-47 destroyed at R-130695 believed due to bomb blast - Lt. Baptist MIA. Weather: 3/10s 3,500 ft, base 6,000 ft tops, visibility excellent. Down 1300 hours.

A.O.19 16 P-47s of 367th Sqdn dispatched at 1442 hours to perform A/R in area #7. A/C carried 16 x 500# SAP bombs, inst.; 8 x 500# incendiary bombs; 16 x 260# frags; 8 x 500# GP bombs, 8-15 sec.; 16 x 5 in. HVARs. Followed route of base to Pforzheim to Ludwigsberg to Heilbronn to base. Time in target areas: 1545 - 1630 hours. 8 GPs and 4 frags dropped on the loco and 15 cars, facing E, at S-040544 - no claim for the bombs, however, the 15 cars and loco were damaged by strafing. 9 frags, 2 SAPs and 1 incendiary, and 12 HVARs were dropped on the M/Y at S-240396 - 1 car destroyed, 1 M/Y attacked. At this same point, by strafing - 1 loco and 19 cars damaged, 1 loco and 2 buildings destroyed. 6 SAPs and 3 incendiaries were dropped on the M/Y at S-290460 - 1 M/Y attacked. At this same point, 3 cars damaged by strafing. 4 SAPs and 2 incendiaries were dropped on 30 box cars at S-430630 1 rail cut, 4 cars destroyed. 2 SAPs and 1 incendiary were dropped on 2 large M/Ts at S-240650 - no claims from bombing, but both M/Ts destroyed by strafing. 2 x 500 SAP bombs were dropped on the RR at S-240645 - no claim. 1 incendiary was dropped on the M/T moving W at S-270691 - no claim by bombing, but M/T was destroyed by strafing. Other strafing attacks and claims: at S-035540, 11 M/Ts, moving S, destroyed; at S-195585, 3 M/Ts destroyed, 1 tractor damaged, both moving S; at S-245380, 1 M/T, moving N, destroyed; at S-230379, 6 box cars damaged; at S-260-440, 3 box cars damaged; at S-330545, 1 M/T, moving W, destroyed; at S-260554, 1 M/T, moving W, destroyed. 3 frags were jettisoned at Pforzheim, because pilot touched bomb release by mistake. 4 HVARs were returned to base. No flak, no losses, no e/a. Weather: 5/10s clouds, 4-5,000 ft base, 6,500 ft tops, visibility good Down 1725 hours.

A.O.20 12 P-47s of 367th Sqdn dispatched at 0715 hours to perform A/R in Homburg, Bad Kreuznach, Alzey, Enkenback areas. A/C carried 8 GPs 500# bombs, 8-11 sec fusing, 8 x 460# incendiary bombs, and 20 x 260# frag bombs. Followed route of base to Homburg to Kaiserslautern to Worms to Darmstadt to base. Time in target areas: 0800 - 0900 hours. 8 incendiaries and 4 frags were dropped on a loco and 10 cars, moving N at Q-868929. No claims from the bombing, but the loco was damaged by strafing. 4 GPs and 8 frags were dropped at Q-980930 - 1 M/Y attacked. 3 locos, with steam up, in the same M/Y were strafed twice and damaged. 3 GPs and 8 frags were dropped on 2 locos and 50 cars at Q-904735. 2 of the GPs did not go off, the other bombs were near misses - but no claims from the bombing. However, 2 locos and 10 cars were

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then damaged by strafing. 1 GP bomb was dropped on the loco moving S, with 50 cars at M-640351, but bomb did not go off. However, loco and 8 cars were damaged by strafing. Other strafing attacks and claims: 1 loco damaged by strafing at M-542275; at M-540371, 2 locos and 45 cars damaged, 1 car destroyed, 1 warehouse damaged; at R-320043; at R-320043, loco, which blew up, was destroyed; at M-625294, loco and 25 cars damaged. Observations along route: heavy rail traffic between Homburg and Kaiserslautern; also between Worms and Darmstadt, with general movement being equally divided in directions N & S; Kaiserslautern M/Y active. This information was called into "Baggage". Flak: scant light at R-868929, M-6435; intense, light at M-542275; moderate, light at M-6229; moderate, heavy in area 5 to 10 miles SW of Worms. No losses. No e/a. Weather: varied in different areas, our area 10/10 clouds, base 2,500 ft, tops 5,000 ft, visibility 3 miles. Down at base 0940 hours.

A.O.21 12 P-47s of 367th Sqdn dispatched at 1055 hours to perform A/R in area #10. A/C carried 16 x 500# GP bombs, fused 8-15 sec; 16 x 260# frag bombs; and 4 x 500# incendiaries. Followed route of base to Homburg to Bad Kreuznach to R-488784 to Landau to base. Time in target areas: 1200 - 1215 hours. 14 GPs, 15 frags, and 4 incendiaries dropped on the alternate target at R-488784. All bombs fell on the target area, there were 7 direct hits, a fire was started - 4 long barracks buildings destroyed. Sqdn. also strafed this area in the dive. 2 GPs and 1 frag, which had hung up in the previous dive-run, were dropped on the town at R-390770 NRO. Strafing attacks and claims: at R-4474, 2 M/Ts facing N, destroyed; at R-241620, 1 M/T, facing S, loaded with ammo, blew up and was destroyed; at R-420760, 4 M/Ts moving S, destroyed; at R-446728, where loco and 15 cars were facing N with steam up, loco damaged; at R-420538, 12 barracks damaged; at R-448772, 3 box cars damaged; at R-400741, 1 flak position damaged; at R-425746, 1 flak position damaged; no claims for the gun positions strafed at R-440745. Observations along route: Kaiserslautern M/Y observed to be full of box cars; but no locos; 6 light flak guns observed at R-442718. Flak: scant, light at Speyer, and at R-4474; moderate, heavy at Speyer. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: target area 7-9/10s, base 3,000 ft, tops 4,000 ft, visibility 8 - 10 miles. Down 1300 hours.

A.O. 23 16 P-47s of 366th Sqdn dispatched at 1600 hours to perform A/R of area #3. A/C carried 16 x 500# SAP bombs, inst.; 8 x M-76 incendiary bombs, inst.; 16 x 500# GP bombs, 8-11 sec delay fusing; 8 x 260# frag bombs, inst. Followed route of base to Rastatt to Karlsruhe to Germersheim to base. Time in target areas: 1620 - 1730 hours. 8 SAPs dropped on M/Y at R-5453, with 2 direct hits, 4 near misses. 15 cars, but no locos, were seen in the yard. Claim 4 cars destroyed, 5 cars damaged, 1 M/Y attacked. 4 incendiaries were dropped on the town of Germersheim - NRO. 4 SAPs were dropped on 10 cars and 1 loco, headed N at R-5555, with 1 direct hit, 1 near miss - 1 rail cut, 1 car destroyed, 2 cars damaged, 1 loco damaged. 4 SAPs and 1 incendiary were dropped

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on the 20 cars and 1 loco, headed N at R-5558, with 4 near misses - 1 loco and 2 cars damaged. 2 incendiaries dropped on 10 box cars at R-3266, with 2 near misses. The 10 cars were damaged by strafing. 2 GP bombs were dropped on 10 coal cars, no locos, at R-5646, with 2 near misses. 14 GPs and 7 frags were dropped on M/Y at R-4666, where 200 cars and 2 locos, steam up, were observed in the yard, 1 loco headed N and 1 headed E. 3 direct hits fell on the cars, but 4 GP bombs and 2 frags failed to explode. Claims: 6 cars destroyed, 10 cars damaged, 1 M/Y attacked. 1 incendiary and 1 frag were returned to base. Along route, 1 truck was seen headed N at R-3427. Flak: moderate, light at R-2867, R-5959, R-4666. 1 P-47 damaged, Cat 3, flak, pilot O.K. Weather: 9/10, base 4,000 ft, tops 9,000 ft, visibility above unlimited. Down at Base 1800 hours.

B. (i) 92 P-47s dispatched.

(ii) 12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Train (1 loco & 60 cars) headed W at R-0666.
Train (1 loco & 5 cars) headed N at R-0265.
Strafed: 1 loco & 50 cars headed NW at R-0363.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco & 15 box cars facing S at R-662693.
Loco moving N at R-554673.
Loco & 25 flat cars moving N at R-533673:-also strafed.
Loco & 10 flat cars moving N at R-537555.
Strafed: R-6668 - 15 box cars; R-545603 - loco & 15 flat cars; R-573513 - 3 flat & 7 passenger cars; R-600475 - loco & 15 flat cars; R-5466 - loco & 20 coal cars headed S; R-5267 - 8 HDV headed SE; R-520707 - loco & 30 box cars headed NE; R-562728 - loco & 15 box & coal cars hd N; R-587813 - loco & 7 passenger coaches headed S; military personnel in coaches.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Gun positions at R-125695.
Wilgartsen (R-103677).

16 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco & 15 cars facing E at S-040544:-also strafed.
M/Y at S-240396:-also strafed.
30 box cars at S-430630.
2 large M/Ts at S-240650:-strafing.
RR at S-240645.
M/T moving W at S-270691;-also strafed.
Strafed: S-035540 - 11 M/Ts moving S; S-195585 - 3 M/Ts & 1 tractor moving S; S-245380 - 1 M/T moving N; S-230379 - 6 box cars; S-260440 - 3 box cars; S-330545 - 1 M/T moving W; S-260554 - 1 M/T moving W.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Loco & 10 cars moving N at Q-868929:-also strafed.
M/Y at Q-980930;-also strafed.
2 Locos & 50 cars at Q-904735:-also strafed.

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Loco & 50 cars moving S at M-640351:-also strafed.
Strafed: M-542274 - 1 loco; M-540371 - 2 locos & 45 cars & warehouse; R-320043 - loco; M-625294 - loco & 25 cars.

12 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
Alternate target , R-488784, barracks bldngs:-strafed.
Town at R-390770: NRO.
Strafed: R-4474 - 2 M/Ts facing N; R-241620 - 1 M/T facing S; R-241620 - 4 M/Ts moving S; R-446728 - loco & 15 cars facing N; R-420538 - 12 barracks; R-448772 - 3 box cars; R-400741 - 1 flak position; R-425746 - 1 flak position.

16 a/c dropped bombs on the following:-
M/Y at R-5453.
Germersheim: NRO.
Loco & 10 cars headed N at R-5558.
10 box cars at R-3266:-also strafed.
10 coal cars at R-5646.
M/Y at R-4666.

92 a/c completed missions.

(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) P-47D-28 42-28811, At R-0362, believed by flak.
P-47D-28 44-19797, vic. R-125695, believed by bomb blast.
(vii) 2 a/c damaged: 1 Cat 1, flak; 1 Cat 3, flak.
(viii) 92.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 196:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 220,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 96,870 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) 4,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
16 - 5" HVARS, SAP nose.

F. (i) 82 - 500# GP bombs, fused - nose M103, tail M113, 9" nose ext.
24 - 460# Incendiaries (M-17) fused - nose M138, tail nil.
32 - 500# SAP bombs, fused - nose M103, tail M113, fuze ext. 18".
115 - 260# Frags, fused - tail, M100A2, nose M103.
23 - 500# Fire bombs (M-76) fused - tail M113. M101A2.
(ii) 81 GPs, 24 Incendiaries (M-17), 32 SAPs, 111 Frags, 22 Fire Bombs (M-76) and 12 5" HVARs expended as follows:-
8 Incendiaries & 4 GPs & 12 frags on train at R-0666.
8 Frags & 4 GPs on train at R-0265.
6 Frags & 2 GPs & 4 Incendiaries on loco & 15 cars at R-662693
7 Frags & 2 Incendiaries on loco at R-554673.
3 GPs on loco & 25 flat cars at R-533673.
7 Frags & 2 GPs and 2 Incendiaries on loco & 10 flat cars at R-537555.

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16 GPs and 5 Frags on target, R-125695.
10 Frags and 3 Fire Bombs (M-76s) and 2 GPs on Wilgartsen (R-103677)
8 GPs and 4 Frags on loco & 15 cars at S-040544.
9 Frags and 2 SAPs and 1 (M-76) and 12 HVARs on M/Y at S-240396.
6 SAPs and 3 M-76s on M/Y at 290460.
4 SAPs and 2 M-76s on 30 box cars at S-430630.
2 SAPs and 1 M-76 on 2 large M/Ts at S-240650.
2 SAPs on the RR at S-240645.
1 M-76 on M/T at S-270691.
8 Incendiaries and 4 Frags on loco & 10 cars at Q-868929.
4 GPs and 8 Frags on M/Y at Q-980930.
3 GPs and 8 Frags on 2 locos and 50 cars at Q-904735. (2 GPs failed to explode).
1 GP on loco and 50 cars at M-640351 (failed to explode)
14 GPs and 15 Frags and 4 M-76s on target R-488784, barracks.
2 GPs and 1 Frag on town at R-390770: NRO.
8 SAPs on M/Y at R-5453.
4 M-76s on Germersheim: NRO.
4 SAPs on 1 loco & 10 cars at R-5555.
4 SAPs and 1 M-76 on loco and 20 cars at R-5558.
2 M-76s on 10 box cars at R-3266.
2 GPs on 10 coal cars at R-5646.
14 GPs and 7 Frags on M/Y at R-4666.

(iii) 3 Frags jettisoned at Pforzheim.
(iv) Nil
1 M-76, 1 GP, 1 Frag, and 4 HVARs returned to base.

G. 2nd Lt. JAMES T. HAMRICK, O-826417, MIA, at R-0362.
2nd Lt. LAURENCE L. BAPTIST, O-716033, MIA, vic R-125695.

H. NIL

I.
1. Military Transportation
a) 28
c) 1
2. Armored Vehicles and Tanks
c) 15
3. Locomotives
a) 4
c) 24
4. Railroad Cars
a) 52
c) 354
6. Gun Emplacements
c) 2
9. Buildings
a) 14
c) 12
11. Railroads Cut
a) 1

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13. Horse Drawn Vehicles
a) 1

4. (2) Operation No.: A.O. 22. Special Mission for "Pineapple".

A. A.O.22 15 P-47s of 365th Squadron dispatched at 1355 to perform special mission for "Pineapple", each a/c carried 3 x 500 GP bombs, fused 8-15 sec. Followed route of base to target to base. 45 GPs dropped in target area. Claim tracks cut 50 yards fro m SE endof tunnel at R-133690, and tracks cut in SE end of tunnel, also tracks cut NW end of tunnel. Claim 1 building destroyed in Rinnthal (R-135690), 1 RR car destroyed and 2 damaged, protruding from tunnel end. Time over target: 1445 - 1545. Flak and e/a nil. Weather: 6/10s from 1,000 ft to 11,000 ft, showers, visibility 3 miles.

B. (i) 15 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 15 a/c dropped bombs on tunnel at R-133690.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 15.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 37:25
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 36,000 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 38 - 500# GP bombs, fused - tail M113.
7 - 500# SAP bombs, fused - tail M113.
(ii) 38 GPs and 7 SAPs on tunnel at R-133690.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. (i) Nil

H. Nil

I. 4. Railroad Car
a) 1
c) 2
9. Buildings & Factories
a) 1
11. Railroad Cuts
a) 4

4. (3) Operations No.: A.O. 15. Escort of Bombers

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A. A.O.15 12 P-47s of 366th Sqdn dispatched at 1143 hours to escort bombers. Followed route of base to Luneville to St. Die to Ettenheim to Wolfach to 15 miles SW of Strasbourg to St. Die to Luneville to base. Both rendezbous and withdrawal at Luneville at 10,000 ft. No bombers in the box escorted by the sqdn. were in difficulty. Bombers believed to have bombed town of Wolfach, or another town in the vicinity. Large fires were left burning in the town. No flak, no losses, no e/a. Time with bombers: 1210 - 1310 hours. Weather: 7/10, base 3,000 ft. tops 4,000 ft, visibility 10-15 miles. Down 1332 hours.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched
(ii) 12 a/c completed mission
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12.

C. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil

D. (i) 22:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH S. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Asst Statistical Officer.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. 586

1. No. Off 52 - B26 Time Up 1151 Time Down 48-1608 Total Hours 218:45

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 15-18 P47's.

3. Weather: CLEAR - - - - VISIBILITY 12 MILES

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
4 - B26	AIR SPARES

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
6 - B26	FLT. LDR. DIDN'T DROP.
6 - B26	BOMBARDIER ERROR.

5. Target: (1) SIEGELSBACH AMMO DUMP (R-949747), GERMANY. (2) TOWN OF SCHWEIGHAUSEN AT W-1857, GERMANY.

(3) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	AMMO DUMP-R949747, GSGS 4416, SHEET U-3-CENTER.	EPPINGEN, GERMANY.	1408	36	12,000'.
(2)	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO BOMBS DROPPED		
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 2 - 24 SHIP BOXES(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 25 degrees with left break. - Moderate evasive action employed from IP to target and on breakaway.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 204
400' CIRCLE

c. Duration of Bomb Run

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
30 SEC.	- -	- -	- -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area 61

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: FIRST PHASE STRIKE ASSESSMENT REPORT 42ND BOMB WING: "The assigned target for this attack was a rectangular area running east-west, measuring 1000 x 1400 feet, and centered on the grid WR-966756. The bombs of two flights fell in the administration and barracks section at the east end of the target area. One large administration-type building received two or three direct hits. Direct hits were also scored on at least three smaller buildings. One section of the rail spurs in the area was cut by this concentration of bombs. The bombs of one flight fell in the ammo storage area which is located at the center of the north edge of the dump; this concentration fell at the west end of the assigned target. Possible hits were scored on at least two of the storage units but accurate pinpointing of bombs is difficult due to partially obscuring cloud cover. The bombs of this entire flight were concentrated in the assigned area. One flight's bombs fell off the east edge of the dump at a point approximately 3000 feet east of the assigned target The bombs of another flight fell just off the west end of the target area. The bombs of only five of the six flights which bombed are covered by the photographs." - - - Fourteen (14) A/C took photos.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
								28(SPARES)
								32(FLT. LDR.)
500# GP	.1 X .025	367	239	- -	- -	- -	NONE	24(BOMB. ERROR).
500# GP	LONG DELAY	49	36	- -	- -	- -	NONE	4(SPARES)
								3(BOMB. ERROR).
								3(FLT. LDR.)

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	6	RACK MALFUNCTION	EPPINGEN AREA.
	7	RACK MALFUNCTION	PRIMARY TARGET AREA,
	13	BOMBARDIER ERROR	ZELL AREA.
	21	AS BRIEFED	LAKE SOUTH OF DIJON.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	126,400	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CF	FAIRLY	SCANT TO MODERATE	STUTTGART AREA.

10.

No. & Type E|A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
2 - B26's returned damaged (CAT. I).	FLAK	NONE

d. A|C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

Joseph B. Bott
Signature
JOSEPH B. BOTT,
1st Lieut., Air Corps,
Assistant Adjutant.

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12 AF FORM 34-1
2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 2 Mar. 19 45 Mission No. 542

1. No. Off 30 B-26's Time Up 11:12 Time Down 13:44 Total Hours 244:24

2. *a.* Type Mission: Precision Bombing *b.* Escorted by: P-47's

3. Weather: 6/10 Cumulus, tops 8000

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
5-B26's	4 Spares 1 Engine

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 B-26	Radio trouble

5. Target: (1) Nasiach, Germany (2)

(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
(1)	A/F (W)N-2653	Neifach-N-3653	12:37	44	10,300
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- 5 squadrons of 9 A/C each. Bomb Run- Compressed formation. Bombing Procedure- All bombs dropped off of number 1 man each squadron.Axis of attack-350°. Withdrawal- Drone left. Evasive action- Loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 220 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4)

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area Not available 1 min. 30 sec.

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- Excellent concentration of bombs across the target.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1 & .025	399	294				None	45
500#GP	6-12-24 hr.delay	.45	42				None	None

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	16	Interferometer trouble	Target area.
500#GP(delay)	3	1-Radio trouble 2-Safety reasons(delay)	East of Rhine M-0869 In lake south of base.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 cal.	245,300	1,450 (test)

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
Heavy	Fairly accurate	Scant	V-7999

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None		

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

H. L. ROBBIN, Jr.,
1st. Lt. Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TaC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM: 111th TaC RCN Sq,

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 137 for 24 hrs ending sunset 2 March 1945. SECRET

OPERATIONS NO. 3890 TR/20/2/19

A. 2 F 60's from 0730 to 0940 to recce Kehl, Freudenstadt, Stuttgart, Kehl. OBSNS: 1 train with 30 plus cars damaged and tracks cut at W-1695. 15 cars appeared to be passenger cars, undamaged at W-1794 (called to controller). 1 loco mvg N at Offenburg M/Y. 40 plus cars in M/Y at Freudenstadt (mostly boxcars). 40 plus mostly boxcars in M/Y at W-5687. 1 train with 50 empty gondolas mvg S W-6780. 100 plus cars (1/3 flat cars loaded with lumber), 2 locos s/u, 1 in M/Y and 1 SW of yard at Horb (W-7183). 1 passenger train 15 plus cars, s/u, stat fcg W at W-7287. 1 loco s/u 40 plus cars, 1/2 of which were tank cars at W-7687. 1 loco with 30 plus cars mvg SW at R-9008. 1 train 30 plus cars mvg NE between Stuttgart & Weiblingen. Convoy of 8 large MT, led by 1 small MT mvg S at S-0740. Bridge at Rastatt damaged, tracks cut on both sides of bridge, and no repair being accomplished. Supply dump at W-0697. E/A: At 0850 hrs, sighted 2 ME-109F's at 15000 ft being engaged by 3 P-47's. Mission was flying W at 10,000 ft between Pforzheim and Karlsruhe. 1 ME-109 broke away from P-47's and leader of our mission attacked him at 14,000 ft. ME-109 began flying away from leader. Leader fired ahead of ME-109 making him turn toward leader. Got on tail of ME-109, gave him a burst. Canopy came off, plane caught fire on right wing root, and white smoke came from under left wing. Plane fell off in steep spiral to right. Did not see plane explode or crash, but it was burning fiercely when last seen. Weaver saw enemy plane at 10,000 ft trailing smoke (black) and in a slow spiral downward. Did not notice any markings on plane. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of supply dump at W-0697, taken at 6500 ft at 0915 hrs, course 60°. R/C: Excellent. WEATHER: 10/10 at 4000 ft Blackforest, Stuttgart, Karlsruhe, Offenburg, Freudenstadt. TOA: 0750 to 0920.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 640 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. (i) 1 ME-109 DES.

OPERATIONS NO. 3891 TR/16/2/23

A. 2 F 60's from 0730 to 0940 to recce Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Durlach, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 3 locos s/u R-4643, near turntables S end of Karlsruhe M/Y. Yards 1/2 to 3/4 full, mostly flatcars, empty. Called to controller. 1 train s/u fcg SW, with 25 plus cars, five (5) of which were flatcars loaded with MT, at NE end of Karlsruhe M/Y. F/B's came to attack train, but said they missed it. 1 train 40-50 boxcars stat fcg N (2 or 3 passenger cars) at R-5347. F/B's hit train. 1 train 60 plus boxcars and approx 10 flat cars loaded with MT stat fcg N. F/B's hit train, loco was hit (R-5751). Bruchsal M/Y badly damaged, town still smoking, fire in large brick building at edge of M/Y. 15 plus MT b/w Karlsruhe/R-5236 during a period of hour and a half. E/A: Sighted 3 ME-109's at 19,000 ft at 0925 hrs flying W towards Karlsruhe. Mission was at 22,000 ft flying E from Karlsruhe. As they passed under our mission, weaver attacked, fired a burst and the plane began smoking badly. Weaver followed in closer and fired long burst. The E/A engine blew up, left wing came off, and parts of plane came off as it started spinning down. Did not see pilot bail out. Leader saw the attack and saw the plane disintegrate. Weaver's plane was covered with oil and debris from ME-109 and mission was forced to return to base. E/F: Scant-inacc-lt at Karlsruhe. Mod-inacc-lt at R-5347. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 4-5000 ft E of Rhine R mvg W. TOA: 0745 to 0925.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 900. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. (i) 1 ME-109 DES.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3892 TR/5/2/15

A. 2 F 60's from 0730 to 0940 to recce Saarlautern, Saarbrucken, St Ingbert, St Wendel, Homburg, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: Bdge across Saar River at Q-424712, Q-459707, Q-459705, Q-467702 intact. 2 MT mvg N at Q-4373. N.M.S. Saarbrucken/Q-3284. 20 boxc afs 10 flat cars loaded with medium size crates in M/Y at Q-3991. 4 locos s/u on siding in Neuenkirchen M/Y, and 1 train with 15 boxcars mvg E and 1 train with 10 boxcars (fcg u/o) and yards are 1/3 full. 1 MT mvg E at Q-5784, Q-5783, 1 MT mvg N at Q-6181, 1 MT mvg NE at Q-6678, 1 MT mvg N at Q-7670. 2 locos s/u fcg S & 50 railway cars (type u/o) in M/Y at Q-9074. No other mvt seen. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Camouflaged objects, possibly a field battery (one damaged), numerous crates, and timber being cut in woods near gun battery in vicinity of Q-415754. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 4-4500 ft Neuenkirchen. CAVU Q-3991/Q-9085/ and south. TOA: 0745 to 0925.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3893 PR/189,199,214,165,183

A. 2 F 60's from 0900 to 1115 to photo in Bingen, St Wendel, Saarbrucken areas OBSNS: Nil, see photo. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: RR bridge at M-082377 260 ft long, still intact. 30 car train on S bound trackes at M-084370. Rails appear repaired at M-084352. M-083351, 1 span of RR bridge repaired for 1 way traffic. M-074348, RR bridge intact & lines open to N and W. M-072336, 9 cars (armored flak) standing on curve. Barracks still intact near M/Y same vicinity. M-069347, 3 gun btry A/A (lt). M-070340, 3 gun btry A/A (lt). L-458127, overpass intact. L-442124, N tunnel entrance intact, S tunnel entrance repaired, appears serviceable. L-450120, RR bridge under repair, serviceable or very nearly so. L-703225, 4 flak cars on siding on RR. L-695220, 4 flak cars protecting tunnel entrance & bridges. L-695227, large military school undamaged. Q-417854, station, 11 cars intact, 6 cars damaged, N bound line repaired & serviceable, S bound line blocked by exploded car or engine, several buildings vic station damaged. Q-416849, road blocked at intersection by 2 pill boxes. Q-624839, RR bridge intact. Q-596839, road bridge over RR repaired & serviceable. Q-590825, 75 cars of coal at large industrial plant which is operating. M/Y Neuenkirchen, damaged severely, but some buildings & factories still operating. 40-50 % of rails have been repaired in yards & still under repair. Recommend new attack. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Kaiserlautern to N 9/10 5-6000 ft to south 6/10 5-7000 ft. TOA: 0915 to 1100.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3894 TR/18/2/25

A. 2 F60's from 1330 to 1515 to recce Karlsruhe, Heilbronn, Ludwigsberg. OBSNS: Road bridge at Karlsruhe appears serviceable. 1 train mvg S with 40 plus cars at R-7788. Lake at R-4308 has barrage balloons at less than 1000 ft. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good, WEATHER: 5 to 10/10 from 5-11,000 ft in patches over battle area. TOA: 1330 to 1500.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3895 TR/6/2/16 (P-215, P-226 Sortie 240)

A. 2 F 60's from 1050 to 1230 to recce and photo Neuenkirchen, Homburg, St Wendel, Saarbrucken, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: 3 MT W Q-3872. 2 MT N Q-4891. 50-75 boxcars M/Y Neuenkirchen. 50 boxcars M/Y Homburg. 2 MT N at Q-7852. N.M.S. Q-7852/ Saarbrucken/Zweibrucken. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: P-215--- cloudy, not covered. P-226--- Q-480690, A/D unserviceable, has been plowed and bombed, anti-tank ditch across N corner. Q-505690, area heavily fortified and has been heavily bombed. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 5/10 25-3500 ft in area. TOA: 1045 to 1215.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3896 TR/17/2/24

A. 2 F 60's from 1030 to 1230 to recce Karlsruhe, Bruchsal, Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heilbronn, Schwetzingen. OBSNS: Karlsruhe M/Y half full, no activity. 1 train 20 mixed boxcars and passenger cars stat fcg N s/u at R-5456, called to Halfbake. 1 train stat fcg N 10-12 flatcars loaded with lumber at R-5560. Bruchsal heavily damaged, town still smoking, fire still burning in large building at M/Y. 1 train stat fcg N 20 passenger cars, yards 3/4 full at Schwetzingen. Mannheim M/Y 1/2 to 3/4 full, 1 loco s/u and steam coming from train sheds. Heidelberg M/Y 1/2 full, 2 locos s/u. 1 train 25 mixed passenger and boxcars SW S-0660. 1 S/E A/C on SW corner Sachsenheim A/D, 6 T/E A/C on W side in revetments in woods. Hospital train of 15 plus cars stat fcg NE, no s/u, just SW of Pforzheim M/Y. E/A: Nil. E/F: Scant-inacc-lt just NW of Bietigheim. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 8/10 25-6000 ft E of Heidelberg. 6-8/10 2500 ft E of Rhine. TOA: 1045 to 1215.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3897 TR/21/2/20

A. 2 F 60's from 1015 to 1300 to recce Rastatt, Baden, Stuttgart, Boblingen. OBSNS: 2 MT S W-1592. 3 large MT N R-2201. 5 MT N and 2 MT S between R-2706 and R-3218. 3 HDT NW R-2917. Rastatt RR bridge R-351287 is out. 1 train 6 empty gondolas mvg S at R-4419. 3 HDT and 2 MT mvg S R-4607. Obsd 8 sheds or warehouses forming a square in NW part of Freudenstadt. Approx 50 boxcars M/Y Freudenstadt. 4-500 mostly boxcars M/Y at R-6882. 200 boxcars M/Y at R-7183. 2 dummy planes on S end & 1 dummy plane on E end of A/D at R-7789. 10-15 T/E A/C in revetments on E & S side of A/D at R-8395. 1 train 35-40 boxcars mvg S through Stuttgart (S-0621). M/Y at S-0632 1/2 full with 100 tank cars in N end of M/Y. 1 train, 30 boxcars, 2 flatcars with lumber, and 2 flatcars at rear with large AA gun on each (called in). E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 7/10 3000-6000 ft in area. TOA: 1035 to 1240.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 5 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3898 TR/7/2/17

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1505 to recce Saarbrucken, St Ingbert, St Wendel, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens. OBSNS: NMS Q-4283/Volkingen (Q-3573). NMS Q-4283/Saarbrucken. NMS Q-4283/Q-5084. 4 MT scattered b/w Saarbrucken/St Ingbert. NMS St Wendel and vicinity. East Homburg M/Y 1/2 full. NMS Homburg/Zweibrucken. Pirmasens and Zweibrucken overcast and u/o. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 8/10 3-8500 ft Saarbasin, scattered rain storms. Vis 2-3 miles. TOA: 1345 to 1450.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 10 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3899 TR/11/2/27 P-238

A. 2 F 60's from 1450 to 1635 to recce and photo Bitche, Zweibrucken, Homburg, Q-9090, Pirmasens, Q-5567. OBSNS: A yellow colored T shaped marker pointing W at Q-775543. 10-12 road blocks from felled trees on road from Q-784534 - Q-785545. 1 SP gun on tank mvg N and stopped at Q-7563. 1 MT S Q-7283. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 4-8500 ft Kaiserlautern to Homburg. 10/10 3-8500 ft Saarbrucken to Neuenkirchen. TOA: 1505 to 1620.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3900 TR/19/2/26

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1815 to recce Mannheim, Heidelberg, Heibronn, Durlach, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: NMS Karlsruhe to Mannheim due to weather. NMS Mannheim to Heilbronn to Stuttgart due to weather. 1 train 30 boxcars mvg W at R-9825. 1 train 40 boxcars stat s/u fcg N at S-0423. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 4-10,000 ft in area with few breaks. TOA: 1635 to 1755.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3901 TR/23/2/22

A. 2 F 60's from 1615 to 1815 to recce Kehl, Offenburg, Pforzheim, Stuttgart, Freudenstadt, Rastatt. OBSNS: 1 MT mvg S in Offenburg. 2 fires in town of Offenburg. 20 empty flatcars at W-1896. 10 plus scattered MT mvg b/w between Offenburg & Baden Baden. 1 loco s/u mvg S with 4 possible passenger cars at W-8192. 2 large MT mvg SE W-4886. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-intense-inacc at R-3522. PHOTOS: Obliques. Material stacked in yard at Q-593810. Ammo dump at Q-595800, 1 MT loading, no bomb damage. 5 MT parked in woods at Q-606788, trackage into woods indicating considerable activity. Ammo dump or material stacked along road not damaged at Q-597773. Material stacked in pits along woods road at Q-603764, probably ammo. 3 caves, tracks leading into area at Q-610753, possibly ammo storage. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 7/10 5-10,000 ft over area. TOA: 1630 to 1800.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3902 TR/8/2/18

A. 2 F 60's from 1600 to 1750 to recce Saarlautern, Saarbrucken, St Ingbert, St Wendel, Homburg, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: 10 plus MT b/w Homburg to Landstuhl, some of which were painted white. W end of Kaiserlautern M/Y 100 plus boxcars and some empty flatcars. 1 loco s/u in yards backing up to 30 boxcars. St Wendel M/Y 40 plus boxcars. NMS Saarlautern and vicinity. 1 train 15 plus boxcars N out of Neuenkirchen. 1 train (no. & type of cars u/c) W out of Neuenkirchen, 3 locos s/u in the yards. NMS Kaiserslautern/Pirmasens/Zweibrucken. 1 loco SW fcg NW Zweibrucken M/Y. 1 loco s/u Homburg M/Y. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 9000 ft to ground, rain and snow south of Homburg/Neuenkirchen/Saarbrucken. TOA: 1615 to 1730.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 40 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPREP A NO. 168 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 2 March 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 576 TR/1/2/1

A. 1 F6B & F6C from 0710-0910. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: Dismantled pontoon bridges at R-3238, R-3136, R-2828, R2322. 2 Destroyed light tanks at Q-7847. 3 Hwy cuts, possibly tank traps, between Q-7546 and Q-7648. 1 tank S edge of Bitsche, unidentified. 1 M/T mvg E out of Pirmasens. 1 M/T mvg E at Q-9564. 1 train, 50 B/C, STAT, S/U, fac E, at R-0466, pranged by P-47's, damaging loco and setting several cars on fire. 1 loco, STAT, S/U, at R-0163 destroyed by P-47's. 20 plus flat cars loaded with M/T or armor at R-015615, pranged by P-47's, setting fire to 2 cars. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0725-0855. WEATHER: CAVU.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 577 TR/12/2/5

A. 2 F6C's from 0715-0930. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 30 plus B/C and flat cars on siding at R-2958. Near miss on RR at Winden, R-2955. M/Y at Landau 1/2 full, 1 loco, working. 1 M/T mvg E into Landau. 1 train, 75-80 cars, STAT, S/U, fac W at R-0466, pranged by P-47's, damaging loco and starting 2 fires. 1 train 25 flat cars with M/T or armor, pranged by P-47's, starting one fire at R-015615. (Both reported in A/0 1/2/1). Train, 15 cars sticking out of E end of tunnel and loco, STAT, S/U, in W end of tunnel at Q-9968. 1 loco and car, STAT, S/U, fac S and 1 train 18 cars, STAT, S/U, fac S in M/Y at Q-9073. 1 loco, STAT, S/U in M/Y W of Kaiserslautern. 1 loco, STAT, S/U, M/Y S of Kaiserslautern. RR from Kaiserslautern to Neustadt appears serv. 1 train, 20 cars mvg W into Neustadt Ludwigshaven and Mannheim burning. 1 M/T, 2 trailers mvg N at R-2979. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-Lat Wissembourg. I-A-L from train at R-015615. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0740-0910. WEATHER: 5/10 from 4000' to 5000'.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 325 rds. (iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 578 TR/24/2/9

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 0710-0920. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full, 2 trains 25 B/C each, S/U, STAT, fac S. 1 train 20 B/C heading N into Offenburg at W-1784, called to controller. 1 train 10 B/C S/U, STAT, fac S at W-2367. 5 scatt M/T all mvg W on Hwy from Freiburg to W-3523. 3 M/T mvg N into Hornberg at W-3755. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert of dump at W-1789 8000' 300° at 0850 hrs. Vert of dump at W-1780 8000' 270° at 0900 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0725-0850. WEATHER: Offenberg area 8/10 base 4000' tops 6000', E of Freiburg 5/10 deck to 1000', 8/10 3000' to 5000'.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 20 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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OP.No579 TR 19/2/13

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 0835-1035. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Homburg appears 1/4 full, 1 loco, S/U, working in yard. 1 loco S/U, STAT, at Q-6583. Possible tank traps at L-5802. NMS of RR from Neunkirchen to Kirn. M/Y Kirn 1/2 full, 1 loco, S/U, STAT. NMS on RR from Kirn to Bad Kreuznach. M/Y at Bad Kreuznach appears empty. NMS on RR from Bad Kreuznach to R-1384. 1 M/T mvg N at M-0313. 1 HDT mvg SE at M0906. 12 buildings, possibly barracks, at M-1302. 1 train 3 passenger cars mvg E at R-0493. M/Y S Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, 2 locos, STAT, S/U. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 1 loco, S/U, STAT. 1 loco, S/U, working in M/Y at Q-9074, approx 15 B/C in yard. RR from Kaiserslautern to Homburg appears to be serv. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0850-1015. WEATHER: 7-8/10 base 4500, tops 6000', vis 4-5 miles in rain.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~570~~ 580 TR/2/2/2

A. 2 F6D's from 1020-1245. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: W end village R-0031 burning. 20 troops milling around in town R-2226. House burning in town R-2226. 5 rail cuts between rhine river and R-205250. 60 Gondolas at RR junction Lauterburg. 1 M/T mvg W out of Bitche. 1 M/T E into Fishbach Q-9854. 1 armored car mvg S into town R-1589. 10 B/C R-2652. 8 F/C and 100 B/C RR R-2825. M/Y Landau 1/2 full 1 loco STAT, S/U. 12 scatt RR cars R-2668. 2 CAM trns side by side incl 25 F/C and 100 B/C 1 trn loco CAM other trn no loco both STAT Q-0468. Factory active R-0034. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert. Possible supply dump Q-9537, 6000' 360° at 1115Ahrs. Vert. Bitchoffen Q-9129, 3000' 350° at 1130Ahrs. Vert Bitchoffen Q-9129, 3000' 300° at 1130A hrs. Vert. Fishbach Q-9854 3700' 360° at 1145Ahrs. Vert. Bindenthal R-0555 3700' 360° at 1200Ahrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1040-1225. WEATHER: 5/10 CU base 4000' top 6000'.
B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 50 mins.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~580~~ 581 TR/13/2/6

A. 2 F6C's from 1010-1225. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: R/V with Gatepost squadron over Landau at 1130 hrs. Led squadron to camouflaged brown roofed building, half sunken underground at R-135688. 12 a/c bombed while flight was there getting three hits on building. No damage observed. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1035-1205. WEATHER: 5/10 from 4000' to 6000', closing in, vis unlimited.
B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 120 rds. (iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~581~~ 582 TR/25/2/10

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1015-1230. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at W-1894 about 3/4 full, NMS. M/Y Offenburg almost empty, 1 loco working. 4-5 M/T scatt at W-115420. Supplies at W-1730. 6 barrage balloons approx 1000' at W-1730. Train 30 B/C mvg E at W-6624. 1 S/E a/c, possibly dummy, in dispersal on NW corner of A/D at Neuhausen Obeck W-8931. Train, approx 30 flat cars, loaded with 50 M/T STAT, S/U fac N at W-5530. Train, 30 cars with 5 M/T, no loco at W-5537, M/Y Villingen almost empty, 7 locos STAT, S/U, Train, 30 B/C and 30 flat cars with M/T, no loco at W-5241. 100 cars on siding in two strings, mostly B/C at W-2565. 100 cars on siding at Gengenbach. Small supply dump in Gengenbach adjacent to M/Y. RR from Donaueschingen to Offenburg appears serv. 15-20 scatt M/T B/N between Freiburg and Donaueschingen. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-H, W-1834, S-I-L, train at W-5530. PHOTOS: Oblique of A/D, Neuhausen Obeck W-8931, 8000', 270°, at 1130 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1030-1210. WEATHER: 4-5/10 4000' base, 6000' top.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 30 mins.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil.
G. Nil.
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OPERATIONS NO. ~~582~~ 583 TR/10/2/14

A. 2 F6D's from 1140-1345. To recce in area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Zweibrucken 1/2 full, NMS. Hwy bdg over RR W side Zweibrucken appears serv. M/Y in Homburg 1/4 - 1/2 full, NMS. Scatt B/C on RR from Homburg to Neuenkirchen. No apparent activity in Neunkirchen factories. M/Y Neunkirchen 2/3 full, NMS. M/Y Ottweiler approx 75 B/C, NMS. M/Y St. Wendell 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y W Kaiserslautern 2/3 full, NMS. M/Y S Kaiserslautern 1/2 full, NMS. 2 Hwy Bdgs over RR at Soberheim L-9332 serv. NMS on RR from Sobernheim to St. Wendell. Approx 50 B/C and flat cars in small M/Y at M-0515. 2 Hwy Bdgs in Homburg appear serv. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical, Possible Supply Dump, L-5406, 2500', 030°, at 1230 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1200-1330. WEATHER: 9-10/10 base 2-3000', top 8000' in entire area. Vis 4 miles in haze.

B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking area "C". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS:NO. ~~583~~ 584 TR/3/2/3 & PR-271

A. 2 F6C's from 1315-1555. To recce and Photo in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Lauterberg 2 strings of B/C and gondolas approx 25 cars each. 1 loco S/U STAT, 2 B/C, fac N at R-1746. 5 flat cars loaded with M/T on main track at R-2567. called to controller, P-47's dive bombed, NRO. 10 M/T at R-2568 strafed by P-47's NRO. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: M-A-L, R-2558. PHOTOS: Oblique of possible RR gun position R-0634-R-1237 from 3500' 070° course 1345 hrs. Train R-2567 from 4000', 080° course at 1515 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1335-1530. WEATHER: 5/10 base 4500' top unknown E of Hagenau, 9/10 base top unknown, vis 1 mile in haze, in Wissembourg area.

B. 2 F6C's (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 5 hrs. 20 mins. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii) 80 rds. (iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~584~~ 585 TR/14/2/7

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1310-1515. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 35 B/C on RR at R-3952. Supply dump and 2 pranged trains with at least 4 cars blown off track at R-350695. 35 empty gondola cars at R-4071. M/Y Landau 1/2 full, NMS. Small supply dump at R-2759 burning. Belt of anti-tank defenses NE of Wissembourg. 8-10 barges mvg S at R-5477. Bruchsal still burning at 1430 hrs. 3 sections of pontoon bridge on E side and 3 sections on W side of river at R-2725. Approx 6 pontoon sections scatt along both banks of river between R-2422 and R-2830. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert of Supply dump R-405485 from 4500 150 course at 1340 hrs. Unidentified T/G R-4046 from 4500 330 course at 1345 hrs. Dump and train R-350695 from 5000 260 course 1355 hrs. Supply dump R-2759 from 4500 090 course 1410 hrs. A/D R-3482 from 4500 020 course at 1415 hrs. Bruchsal R-6359 from 5000 125 course 1430 hrs. Pontoons R-2725 from 4000 095 course at 1440 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1455. WEATHER: 7-9/10 3500-4500 top 8000-8500, vis poor.

B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 10 mins. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~585~~ 586 TR/30/2/42

A. 2 F6D's from 1400-1610. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: R/V with Gatepost over Nancy at 1415. Led bombers to T/G at R-135688, T/G bombed by P-47's at 1500. Building completely demolished in dive bombing attack in morning (A/O #13/2/6). 1 more hit on remains of building, several near misses on mouths of tunnel, 1 hit on top of tunnel at R-131692, results unobserved. Single rail cut by near miss S of tunnel. Tunnel appeared to have been built recently. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert. of (BDA) area R-1567-R-1369 from 5000 330 course 1500. R-1369 from 3000 350 course 1505. R-1369 from 5000 010 course 1540. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1420-1550. WEATHER: 8/10 3500-8000.

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B. 2 F6D's (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. 20 mins. G. Nil.
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~588589~~ TR/4/2/4

A. 1 F6C & 1 F6D from 1635-1835. To recce in area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 train 30 cars sticking out of tunnel at R-0066. Fire in town at R-1218. NMS or RR from Bitsch to Wissembourg. NMS in Bitsch area. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1700-1805. WEATHER: 6-7/10 top 5000 base 3500, vis limited by snowstorms.
B. 1 F6C & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking area "A". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~587~~588 TR/12/2/8

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1600-1800. To recce in area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T STAT, fac S ar R-3550. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: Nil. PHOTOS: Vert. of Dump at R-4188 5000' 190° at 1630 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1620-1730. WEATHER: 2/10 3000-5000, 8-10/10 from 7000 to 8000'.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking area "D". (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. ~~588~~589 TR/27/2/12

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6D from 1600-1800. To recce in route #2. OBSERVATIONS: 50 flat cars and 7 hospital cars on siding at W-0971. 15 flat cars on siding at W-0361. 3 hospital cars on siding at W-0353. M/Y Freiburg almost empty. 3 strings of approx 50 B/C and 50 flat cars each on siding from W-0834 to W-0229. Possible supply dump at W-1829. 3 balloons approx 1000 ft at W-1839. 20 B/C on siding at W-1829. Possible supply dump at W-1890. M/Y at W-3179 approx 20 B/C. 2 M/T heading NW at W-2375. 10 flat cars loaded with possible supplies at W-2473. M/Y at Offenburg 1/4 full, NMS, yard appears 1/10 serv. ENEMY AIR: Nil. ENEMY FLAK: S-I-L, W-1839, S-I-H, Offenburg. PHOTOS: Nil. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1620-1740. WEATHER: 5/10 5000' to 10,000' Rhine Valley.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6D (ii) 2 attacking route #2. (iii-vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. F. Nil.
D. 4 hrs. G. Nil.
E. 3300 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil. H. Nil.

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3479 - (28)

A. 1 F-5E from 0935A to 1140A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-8356 to R-2725 to R-1513 to Q-7445. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-8356 to R-2725 to R-1513 to Q-7445. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1000A to 1030A. WEATHER: Slight haze with 2/10ths cloud coverage. Mission successful. (Robert G. VonTempsky, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-8356 to R-2725 to R-1513 to Q-7445. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. Nil
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G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. ---- 34/3480 - (29)

A. 1 F-5E from 0915A to 1115A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-8356 to R-2725 to R-1513 to Q-7445. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-8356 to R-2725 to R-1513 to Q-7445. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1000A to 1045A. WEATHER: Low scattered cumulus in area. Mission successful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-8356 to R-2725 to R-1513 to Q-7445. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3481 - (30)

A. 1 F-5E from 0940A to 1140A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-8580 to R-0169 to Q-8240 to Q-6650. OBSERVATION: four (4) large columns of smoke in woods south of Bitche between Phillipsbourg and Soucht. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Block coverage Q-8580 to R-0169 to Q-8240 to Q-6650. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1010A to 1040A. WEATHER: Cumulus building up to 2/10ths in area. Mission successful. (Joe Merkle, 2nd Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage Q-8580 to R-0169 to Q-8240 to Q-6650. (iii) Nil (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3482 - (31)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0930A. to 1115A. To phot o Target; Block Coverage: Q-7090 to M-0505 - R-1487 - Q-8573. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: Pilot noticed ME 109 E of Saarbrucken headed N at 8,000 ft., at 1055A. ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-7090 to M-0505 to R-1487 to Q-8573, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1000 A to 1045A. WEATHER: Northern part of area 2/10ths covered with stratus.
Mission successful. (John I. Sanders, st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 aTtacking target: Block Coverage Q-7090 to M-0505 to R- 487 to Q-8573. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil

D. 1 hr 45 minutes

E. nil

F. nil

G. nil

H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3483 - (32)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1000A. to 1200A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-9377 to R-3077 to R-3057 to Q-9257.
OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil
ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-9377 to R-3077 to R-3057 to Q-9257. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045A to 1130A.
WEATHER: CAVU to scattered low cumulus in area.
Mission successful. (Alan H. McClard, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: Q-9377 to R-3077, to R-3057 to Q-9257. (iii) nil
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. -3484 - (33)

A. 1 F-5E, from 0915A to 1115A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: ¢-7090 to ¢-9080 to ¢-6845 to ¢-5256. OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS:
Block Coverage: ¢-7090 to ¢-9080 to ¢-6845 to ¢-5256. Block : ¢-6782, ¢-8856 , ¢-7646 to ¢-6365. Block: ¢-8580 to R-0169 - ¢-8240 to ¢-0650. Block: ¢-7090 to L-0505 to R-1487 to ¢-8573,
RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 0940A to 1030A.
WEATHER: Slight haze in area.
Mission successful. (William J. Andres, F/O)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage: ¢-7090 to ¢-9080 to ¢-6845 to ¢-5256. (iii) nil
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 2 hrs. G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 3485 - (34)

A. 1 F-5B, from 0955A to 1155A. To photo Target: Factory at R-165670, Tunnel at R-202898, Tunnel at R-130969, Mannheim Bridge, Alzey M/Y, RR/B's at R-523983, R-286541, and Supply Dump at R-498833, OBSERVATIONS: Heavy traffic on road bridge at Worms - L-4615, and large fires at Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Factory at R-165670, Tunnel at R-202898, and R-130969, RR/B at R-523983, . RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1035A to 1130A. WEATHER: Low cumulus in area .
Mission partially successful. (Herbert C. Byrd, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Factory at R-165670 Tunnels at R-202898 and R-130969, Mannheim Bridge, Alzey M/Y, RR/B. RR/B's at R-523983, R-286541,, and Supply Dump at R-498833.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil
(vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3486 - (35)

A. 2 F-5E's from 1020A to 1220A. To photo Target: Huchenfeld A/F, Malmsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Deckentfronn A/F, Notzingen A/F, M/Y Horb (East) , Kirchen A/F, Ammo Dump at S-1575, RR/B's at R-559863, R-543865, S-264430, S-284459, R-882074, R-487948, R-977850, R-823150, OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: fifteen (15) plus ME 109's - black heading North at 2,000 ft., at approximately 1145A. - Cover pilot observed one (1) Jet A/C, East of Stuttgart., ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Ammo Dump at S-1575. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1100A to 1145A. WEATHER: 7/10ths cloud coverage of strato cumulus - at 5,000 ft.,
Mission partially successful. (Lt. Donald B. Chunn, 2nd. Lt.)
Mission successful - Cover Pilot(Everette, Custis, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E's , (ii) 2 attacking target: Huchenfeld A/F Malmsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Deckenpfronn A/F, Notzingen A/F, M/Y Horb (East) Kircheim A/F, Ammo Dump at S-1575, RR/B's at R-559863, R-543865, S-264430, S-284459, R-882074, R-487948, R-977850 and R-823150. (iii) nil (iv) nil
(v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 2

C. nil F. nil
D. 2 hrs. G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3487 - (36)

A. 1 F-5B, 1 F-5E, from 1000A to 1205A. To photo Target: RR/B at B-297880, RR/B at W-492215, Donau/Eschingen A/F, Donau/Eschingen A/F (North) Neuhausen / Obeck A/F, Dormettingen A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Schussenreid A/F, M/Y Rottweil A/F, M/Y Spaichingen A/F, OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: RR/B at B-297880, Neuhausen / Obeck A/F at W-875314, Schussenreid A/F, - A-419373, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1040A to 1140A. WEATHER: 4/10ths to 5/10ths cumuls in area. Mission partially successful., (Phillip V. Hooke, 1st. Lt.)

B. Mission successful. Cover Pilot. (William A. Cyckowski, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B, F-5E, (ii) 2 attacking target: RR/B at B-297880, RR/B's at W-492215, Donau / Eschingen A/F, Donau / Eschingen A/F (North), Neuhausen / Obeck A/F, Dormettingen A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Schussenreid A/F, M/Y Rottweil A/F, M/Y Spaichingen A/F, (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U.S. - 34/3488 - (39()

A. 1 F-5E, from 1045A to 1215A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: M-0183 to M-1580 to M-1157 to V-9357 to M-0183,. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: M-0183 to M-1580 to M-1157 to V-9357 to M-0183 . Block Coverage: V-9357 to M-1157 to M-0933 to V-9033 to V-9357. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1145A. WEATHER: 2/10ths to 3/10th cloud coverage: Mission successful. (Robert E. Jarrell, Major.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking Target: Block Coverage: M-0183 to M-1580 to M-1157 to V-9357 to M-0183. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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MISSION U. S. - 34/3490 - (40)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1050A to 1255A. To photo Target: FR - 84 - Series of RR/Strips - . OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK nil
PHOTOS FR - 84 - Series of RR/Strips - Freiburg to Rottweil - Haslach to Hechingen, RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1115A to 1145A.
WEATHER: 4/10ths cumuls in area -
Mission successful. (Lawton C. McG othlin, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Series of RR/Strips. (iii) nil (iv) nil
(v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil
(viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. nil
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MISSION U.S. - 34/3491 - (41)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1050A to 1255A. To photo Target: FR - 84 - Series of RR/Strips - Freiburg to Rottweil - Haslach to Hechingen
OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Series of RR/Strips -- Freiburg to Rottweil - Haslach to Hechingen. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1210A to 1240A. WEATHER: 3/10th cumulus in area. Mission suc essful. (Willard O. Davis F/O)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: FR - 84 Series of RR/Strips - Freiburg to Rottweil - Haslach to Hechingen.
(iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes
E. nil
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G. nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3489 - (44)

A. 1 F-5B from 1405A to 1505A. To photo target: Block coverage R-1211 to R-3011 to M-1580 to M-0183. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil. WEATHER: area covered with 10/10ths clouds. Mission unsuccessful. (James B. Lively, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5B (ii) 1 attacking target: Block coverage R-1211 to R-3011 to M-1580 to M-0183. (iii) Abortive sortie: Area covered with 10/10ths cloud coverage - no photographs taken.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr.
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G. Nil
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MISSION U.S. --- 34/3492 - (45)

A. 1 F-5E from 1410A to 1510A. To photo target: Block coverage Q-3280 to Q-6570 to Q-6464 to Q-3166. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Area covered with 10/10ths cloud coverage. Mission unsuccessful. (William J. Andres, Jr., F/O)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target Q-3280 to Q-6570 to Q-6464 to Q-3166. (iii) Abortive sortie: Area covered with 10/10ths cloud coverage. - no photographs taken. (iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr.
E. Nil
F. Nil
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MISSION U. S. - 34/3493 - (46)

A. 1 F-5B, from 1420A to 1620A. To photo Target: Block Coverage: Q-6782, to Q-8856 to Q-7646 to Q-6365. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Block Coverage: Q-6782 to Q-8856 to Q-7646 to Q-6365. Block Q-7090 to Q-9080 to Q-6845 to Q-5256. Block : Q-8580 to R-0169 to Q-8240 to Q-6650. Block: Q-8356 to R-2725 to R1513 to Q-7445. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1445A to 1515A. WEATHER: Slight haze and 5/10ths strato cumulus in area.
Mission successful. (Robert G. Von Tempsky, 1st. Lt.,

B. (i) F-5B, (ii) 1 attacking target: Block Coverage Q-6782 to Q-8856 to Q-7646 to Q-6365. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FORM 34A.

TO: H.Q. Ninth Air Force, (ATTENTION 26 SCU)

FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN SQ., APO 374, U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 336 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 March 1945

MISSION U.S. --- 34/3494 - (47)

A. 1 F-5E from 1430A to 1600A. To photo target: Ammo dump Q-385896, Barracks Q-384885, Ammo dump Q-385896, Ammo dump Q-441797, Gas and Ammo dump Q-689822, RR/B L-570103, RR/B L-847340, RR/B L-772279, RR/B L-892318, RR/B L-798315. OBSERVATION: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: Nil WEATHER: Area covered with 10/10ths cloud coverage from 4,000 to 6,000 ft. Mission unsuccessful. (Charles F. Hoy, 1st Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E (ii) 1 attacking target: Ammo dump Q-385896, Barracks Q-384885, Ammo dump Q-385896, Ammo dump Q-441797, Gas and Ammo dump Q-689822, RR/B L-570103, RR/B L-847340, RR/B L-772279, RR/B L-892318, RR/B L-798315. (iii) Abortive sortie: Area coverd with 10/10ths cloud coverage - no photographs taken.

(iv) Nil (v) Nil (vi) Nil (vii) Nil (viii) 1

C. Nil
D. 1 hr. 30 minutes
E. Nil

F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 336 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 March 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3495 - (48)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1445A to 1645A. To photo Target: Supply Dumps at - Q-929713, R-327429, R-380504, RR/Line - Landau - Hinterweidenthal. Supply Dump at R-290683, Building at R-326688, RR/Line Neustadt - Hochsteyer, Supply Dump at R-569925, Building at R-574923, and Fuel Dump at R-569925 . OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: Supply Dump at R-327429, RR/Line - Landau to Hinterweidenthal, Rail Line from Neustadt to Hochsteyer, and RR/B at R-286541. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1515 to 1615A. WEATHER: Scattered cumulus in area at 7,000 ft., Mission partially successful. (Hayden G. Vaughn, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Supply Dumps at Q-929713, R-327429, R-380504, RR/Line - Landau - Hinterweidenthal, Supply Dump at R-290683, Building at R-326688, RR/Line at Neustadt to Hochspeyer, Supply Dump at R-569925, Building at R-574923, and Fuel Dump at R-569925. (iii) nil (iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil (vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RON. Sq., APO 374 - U. S. Army

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Oprep "A" No: 336 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 March 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3496 - (49)

A. 2 F-5E's, from 1510A to 1710A. To photo Target: Ammo Dump at R-949747, RR/B's at S-264430, S-284459, Malmsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Deckenfronn A/F, RR/B's at R-823150, R-883074, W-487948, W-559863, W-543865 5/ OBSERVATIONS: nil
ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil
PHOTOS: nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615A to 1625A. WEATHER: Target Area 8/10ths covered with alto stratus.
Mission unsuccessful. (Allen R. Keith, Capt.,)
Mission successful. - Cover Pilot (Godfred J. Funari, 2nd. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E's (ii) 2 attacking target: Ammo Dump at R-949747, RR/B's at S-264430, S-284459, Malmsheim A/F, Boblingen A/F, Deckenfronn A/F, RR/B's at R-823150, R-883074, W-487948, W-559863, W-543865, . (iii) Ineffective Sortie:
(a) Target area covered with 8/10ths alto stratus - no photographs taken.

(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 2

C. nil
D. 2 hrs.
E. nil
F. nil
G. nil
H. nil

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FROM: 34TH PHOTO RCN. SQ., APO 374 - U. S. Army

Oprep "A" No: 336 for 24 hours ending sunset
2 March 1945

MISSION U.S. - 34/3497 - (50)

A. 1 F-5E, from 1500A to 1705A. To photo Target: Kirchen A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, RR/B at W-977850, Rottweil M/Y, Spaichingen M/Y, RR/B at B-297880. OBSERVATIONS: nil ENEMY AIR: nil ENEMY FLAK: nil PHOTOS: RR/B at B-297880, Stuttgart/Ecterdingen A/F - S-095105. RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1545A to 1615A. WEATHER: 8/10ths strato cumulus in area.
Mission partially successful. (Lawrence D. Guy, 1st. Lt.)

B. (i) F-5E, (ii) 1 attacking target: Kirchen A/F, Grosselfingen A/F, Dormettingen A/F, RR/B at W-977850, Rottweil M/Y, Saichingen M/Y, RR/B at B-297880. (iii) nil
(iv) nil (v) nil (vi) nil
(vii) nil (viii) 1

C. nil F. nil
D. 2 hrs. 5 minutes. G. nil
E. nil H. nil

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TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/2/45 [redacted]

OPREP A No. 564 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 2 March 1945.

A. No aircraft airborne during the period due to weather.

B. None

C. None

D. None

E. None

F. None

G. None

H. None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, Air Corps,
Commanding.

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FORM 34 A

TO: Commanding General XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army.

FROM: 415th Night Fighter Squadron, APO 374, U. S. Army.

REF: 3/1/45 S. E. [redacted]

OPREP A No563 for the 24 hours ending Sunset, 1 March 1945.

A. Four Beaufighters airborne during theperiod on intruder missions in the lower Rhine Valley. First mission 19:20 to 22:05. Visibility very poor. Received a Burst of light, meager, inaccurate flak at Kehl (WO55975). In vicinity of Colmar was vectored onto bogey by GCI, Infant. Bogey heading Westerly out of Germany at Angels 18, but bogey turned into Switzerland at 270 MPH. While still chasing bogey Beau pilot saw an exhaust vapor trail near Swiss border. Flew weather check for GCI, Baggage. Second mission from 21:00 to 22:10. Returned early due to mechanical trouble. 45 miles E of base sighted "Foofighter" to rear and starboard. Turned to take a look at it and it disappeared. "Foofighter" was orange-red and at Angels 5. Third mission 22:45 to 01:25. Observed an Allied raid E and S of Strausburg. Was informed by GCI that Beau was being followed. Did a hard Starboard orbit and bogey left. Fourth mission from 03:30 to 05:55. Valley was closed in so could see nothing. Returned and found base closed in. Pancaked at A-98.

B. (i) Four Beaufighters Mark VI. AI Mark VIII.
(ii) Three
(iii) (a) None
(b) None
(c) One
(d) None
(iv) None
(v) None
(vi) None
(vii) None
(viii) Four

C. (i) None
(ii) None

D. (i) None
(ii) 09:00

E. (i) 24,000 x .303 4,000 x 20MM
(ii) None
(iii) None

F. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None
(iv) None

G. None

H. (i) None
(ii) None
(iii) None

I. None

Harold F. Augspurger
HAROLD F. AUGSPURGER,
Major, A.C., Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army.
March 3, 1945.

SUBJECT: OPR&P A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPR&P A. No. 9 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours, 2 March, 1945.
Operations Order No. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 45. 11 A/C off at 1140 on pre-briefed escort mission of P-25's who were attacking Ammo Dump at Siegelbach. TOT 1300. Mission uneventful. 10 A/C landed at 1400, 1 at 1150. Flak: Scant heavy accurate from Pforzheim. Weather: 6/10 between 4,000 and 7,000 from base to target.

A. AO-46. 12 A/C off at 0740 on pre-briefed bombing mission at Q-442092. TOT 0900. 24 bombs dropped along road from 4500 feet through target area. 4 M/T were strafed at Q-6967, Gun positions were also strafed along highway. 12 A/C landed at 1040. Flak: Moderate light accurate at Q-6977 and Scant heavy accurate at Q-6977. Weather: 8/10 clouds base 4,000 to 9,000 feet in target area.

A. AO-47. 10 A/C off at 1125 on pre-briefed bombing mission, calling "All Square" when in vicinity of Morchingen at Q-2037 for priority targets. No target from "All Square was received and secondary target was bombed at R-429924 from 4,000 feet, with good results. 10 A/C landed at 1350. Flak: Nil. Weather: 8/10 clouds base 4,000 rising to 9,000 feet in target area.

A. AO-48. 12 A/C off at 1500 on pre-briefed bombing mission, calling "All Square" when in vicinity of Morchingen at Q-2037 for priority targets. No target was received from "All Square and due to weather secondary target could not be attacked. M/T at R-3083 were bombed with 22 direct hits in target area. Bombs were dropped from 4500 feet. 12 A/C landed at 1715. Flak: Intense Accurate at R-3083, moderate accurate R-3083, moderate accurate at R-3094 and scant inaccurate at R-1060. Weather: From BSL to E. and N. of BSL 8/10 base at 6500 feet. Rain E. of Kaiserlauten.

A. AO-49. 12 A/C off at 0730 on pre-briefed bombing mission at Q-702745. Target was obscured by weather and a small RR yard at R-6667 was bombed from 4000 feet with six bombs in the yards. Controller called formation to Karlsruhe area where 18 enemy a/c were reported at 22,000 feet, no contact made. 12 A/C landed at 1015. Flak: Nil. Weather: 9/10 clouds 6000 feet top north of line. Saargemund, Permasens and Mannheim. Area south of this line to Strasburg area was CAVU.

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A. AO-50. 12 A/C off at 0800 on a pre-briefed bombing mission of a supply depot at O-702808. TOT 0845. 17 bombs hit in the target area with 6 of them hitting on buildings in the SW end of the target. 9 ships landed at 1000. 2 early returns. Bombs dropped from 3500'. Flak: Scant heavy accurate at O-6877. Weather - 4/10 covered at 4500'.

A. AO 51. 12 a/c off at 1105 on pre-briefed bombing mission of gas stores at R-569925. Target bombed from 4500' with direct hits on 2 storage tanks. TOT 1335, 10 planes landed at 1335, 2 at 1200. Flak: Scant heavy accurate at R-569925 and R-1586. Weather - CAVU over target with slight haze.

A. AO 52. 12 a/c off at 1515, over target 1705. Pre-briefed bombing mission of Zweibrucken. Target bombed from 5000' with no results observed. 12 a/c landed at 1710. No flak. Weather - Solid overcast from base to target at 3500'.

A. AO 53. 12 a/c off at 1420. Directed by ground control to lone rr cars in area of R-1600. TOT 1515. 2 direct hits and several near misses. M/Vs strafed in area R-1618 with good results. Also gun positions at R-0535 with no results. 1 flight bombed fuel dump at R-139870 with good results. 4 a/c landed at 1620 and 8 at 1650. 2 Bombs jettisoned, the rest dropped from 5000'. Flak: Moderate light accurate at R-0535, R-1617 and R-1618. Weather - 5/10 covered from base to target.

B. 1. 94 P-47Ds.
2. ~~89~~ 90 P-47Ds.
3. 1 - oil leak, 1 malfunction of belly tank, 2 as escorts.
4. Nil
5. 1 P-47D-28RE-44-19596 hit by flak.
6. Nil
7. 5 P-47Ds damaged(category 2) Flak.
8. 94
C. 1. 94 x 75 gal belly tanks.
2. 10 x 75 gal belly tanks.
D. 1. 215 hours 35 minutes.
2. Nil
E. 1. 309,600 x .50 cal.
2. 24,916 x .50 cal.
3. 2,800 x .50 cal.
F. 1. 115 x 500 GP
72 x 500 RDX
2. 104 x 500 GP
71 x 500 RDX
3. 2 x 500 RDX at R-1765; a/c Hit by flak.
1 x 500 GP at O-2850 (Hung)
4. 2 x 500 GP lost on missing a/c
G. 2nd Lt. Harold K. Wolf, O-1998893 (MIA)
H. 1 thru 3 Nil
I. Claims on ground; 7 buildings damaged; 2 gasoline storage tanks destroyed; 1 gun position silenced; 1 rail cut; 5 motor vehicles destroyed; 22 rail cars destroyed; 11 damaged.

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B. 1. 11 P-47Ds.
2. ~~11~~ 10
3. 1 P-47D - oil leak
4 thru 7 Nil
8. 11
C. 11 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2. Nil
D. 1. 22:30
2. Nil
E. 26000 x .50 cal.
2. Nil
3. Nil
F. 1 thru 4 - Nil
G. Nil
H. 1 thru 3 Nil
I. Nil

Ira E. Eaker, Jr.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH FIGHTER GROUP (SE)

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APO 374, U.S. Army.
3 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 295.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 295 for 24 hours ending sunset 2 March 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1316 hours, 2 March 1945, Captain Harding leading, 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500 RDX and 8 x 400 M 17 bombs were dropped on a factory at G-924334, 2 direct hits destroyed factory. Several bombs fell in adjacent town and destroyed 10 bldgs. Another factory at G-924330 was strafed and damaged. Intense, accurate light flak encountered over target. Time down at A-96, 1500 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1324 hours, Lt. Lundberg leading, 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 8 x 500 RDX, 2 x 260 frag bombs on a M/Y at Wimmweiler with unobserved results. 8 x 500 RDX, 2 x 260 frag bombs were dropped on a M/Y at Olsenborn with unobserved results. 8 x M 76 incendiary clusters and 3 x 260 frag bombs were dropped at H-170014, 3 passenger RR cars were damaged and 1 road block scored. 1 volkswagon was strafed and destroyed at H-105080. 2 horse drawn vehicles were strafed and destroyed at H-123050. Scant, inaccurate light flak encountered at H-135997. Time down at A-96, 1529 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1644 hours, 2 March 1945, Lt. Huttenberger leading, 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 14 x 500 RDX bombs on the Lambrecht M/Y, 2 factory buildings were destroyed. 8 x M 17 incendiary clusters fell short at H-2686 and started a big forest fire and destroyed 5 buildings. Intense, inaccurate, light flak encountered at Lambrecht. Time down at A-96, 1835 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 0936 hours, 2 March 1945, Major McDonald leading, (10th) 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 15 Napalm tanks and 12 x 500 RDX bombs were dropped on a factory and town at H-393364. 1 factory and 13 bldgs were destroyed, 1 box car destroyed, 1 switch tower destroyed, 1 grain elevator damaged, 4 railcuts, 2 acres of wheat destroyed. Scant, inaccurate, heavy and light flak encountered at H-393694. Time down at A-96, 1141 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 0930 hours, 2 March 1945, Lt. Col., Case leading, (81st), 11 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 27 x 500 GP bombs and 4 Napalm tanks were dropped on a M/Y at H-369521, 10 box cars were destroyed, 3 bldgs destroyed and M/Y damaged. Moderate inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Offenburg. Time down at A-96, 1115 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 0719 hours, 2 March 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading, 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500 RDX bombs and 24 x 4.5 rockets at R-726705, 1 locomotive and 1 bldg were destroyed, 25 box cars damaged. 8 x M 17 incendiary clusters were dropped at R-831867 damaging 15 box cars. Scant, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered at Zweibrucken. Time down at A-96, 0918 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1139 hours, 2 March 1945, Lt. Hoking leading, 16 P-47D's took off. 1 aircraft was not effective. 8 x 500 RDX were dropped at R-252676 on 20 plus box cars with unobserved results. 4 x 500 RDX bombs were dropped on a factory at R-220679, 1 factory bldg was destroyed. 8 x M 17 incendiary clusters were dropped on 5 warehouses at R-345093 all bombs missed target. 2 trucks and 1 trailer were destroyed by rockets at R 335707. 1 flak gun at R-335695 strafed and damaged. 2 x 500 RDX bombs were jettisoned at R-7002. Intense, inaccurat, li ht flak encountered at R-335695. Time down at A-96, 1346 hours.

A. One squadron of Group took off on a leaflet dropping mission from A-96 at 1027 hours, 2 March 1945 Captain Hall leading, 4 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 12 x 2661 propaganda bombs were dropped on briefed targets with good results. No flak was encountered. Time down at A-96, 1149 hours.

Dive Bomb

B. 1. 102 x P-47D
2. 101
3. 1 Could not gain altitude
4-6 Nil.
7. 1 cat 1 flak, 2 cat 2 flak.
8. 101 sorties

C. 1. 12 x 75 gal. tanks carried.
2. 12 jettisoned.

D. 1. 198 hours x P-48D
2. None.

E. 1. 193,800 rds x 50 cal.
2. 27,534 rds expended.

F. 1. 114 x 500lb bombs (87 x RDX, Inst, 27 x GP, 8-11 seconds)
32 x M 17
8 x M 76
7 x 260 frag.
20 x Napalm, 75 gal tanks.
48 x 4.5 rockets
2. 112 x 500 lb bombs (85 x RDX, Inst- 27 x GP - 8-11 sec)
32 x M 17
8 x M 76
7 x 260 frag
20 x Napalm 75 gal tanks
48 x 4.5 rockets.

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3. 2 x 500 RDX
4. None

G. Lt. Leonard A. Constant was slightly wounded when ship he piloted was hit by flak.

I. Other claims on ground.
3 Factories destroyed
1 Factory damaged
33 bldgs destroyed
44 RR cars damaged
11 RR cars destroyed
1 road block
1 volkswagon destroyed
2 M/V vehicles destroyed
4 railcuts
1 switch tower destroyed
3 M/T damaged
1 grain elevator damaged
2 trucks destroyed
1 trailer destroyed

leaflet dropping.

B. 1. 4
2. 4
3.- 7 Mil
8. 4 sorties

C. None

D. 5 Hours x P-47D

E. 1. 9,500 rds x .50 cal.
2. None.

F. 12 x M61
propaganda bombs carried and dropped.

G.N.I. Mil.

For the Group Commander:

[redacted] D. [redacted],
1st Lt., AC Corps,
Asst. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 2 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3087

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0810 Time Down 0950 Total Hours 20:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather 7/10 cover at 5,000'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
4 P-47D	Safety measure, attacked by Enemy A/C.

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed train and tracks at R-5245.	0900	4	1,000'
Bombed train and tracks at R-5348, Germany.	0900	4	1,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500#GP	.1N .025T	24	8	8			0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500#GP	8	Safety measure, attacked by E/AC	R-6040

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	30,000	1,880

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Intense	R-4746, R-2012.

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
20 plus ME-109's	Southeast of Karlsruhe, R-6040, Germany.	Unaggressive.

11.

a. Own Aircraft ~~XXXX~~ Dam.	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
1 P-47D (860) Cat. I	Hit by 30mm from ME-109.	nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. c. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No.

SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
		1 ME-109

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. 4 A/C bombed a loco and 5 R.R. cars at R-5245. 8 bombs were dropped in the area, bombs missed the train but 2 direct hits and 2 near misses hit 4 tracks in M/Y and effected at least one rail cut. 4 A/C bombed a loco and 12 R.R. cars standing at R-5348; 2 bombs were near misses causing damage to the loco, 2 near misses effected a rail cut. 2 direct hits at R-5244 effected a rail cut. 4 A/C jettisoned 8 bombs when attacked by 20 plus E/AC at R-6040; no results obs. One ME-109 damaged in dog fight, enemy A/C was smoking badly when last seen.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Gore ROB

JESSE R. GORE
Captain, Air Corps
Operations Officer

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 2 Mar 45 Mission No. 3088

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0845 Time Down 1015 Total Hours 18:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather Thin overcast at 8500'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Supplies at Q-889737 then recce area #2 | b. Time over Objective: 0925 | c. No. A/C Attacking: 12 | d. Alt. of Release: 3500'

6. a. Escorted by: Nil b. Escorting: Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP 1 wing	Inst	24	24				
1 wing	.1 .01						

Explosive Jettisoned / Number / Reason / Location: Nil

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	950

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Intense	SW of target
Light	Accurate	Intense	Target area

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered / Location / Aggressiveness: Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~xxxx~~ Damaged: 2 P-47D 645,231 Cat #2 b. Cause: Enemy flak c. Crew Casualties: Nil
d. A/C Rt'd From MIA / MIA on Miss. No.: Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded / MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) / E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) / E/A Damaged (No. & Type): Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Flight dive bombed from 9,000' to 3500'. 10 direct hits in target area. 1 building observed to be destroyed. Other results unobserved. 2 X 500 near misses, remainder misses.

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 2 Mar 45 Mission No. 3091

1. No Ofi 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1500 Time Down 1700 Total Hours 24:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather 10/10 cover from 3-9,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed recce area #1 Attacked highway at Landau

b. Time over Objective: 1545

c. No. A/C Attacking: 12

d. Alt. of Release: 3,000'

6. a. Escorted by: Nil

b. Escorting: Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: 12

Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs: Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. I.		Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500GP	.1	.025	24	24				

Explosive Jettisoned / Number / Reason / Location: Nil

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	38,600	150

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Moderate	Target area

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil / Location / Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~xxxxx~~ Damaged: 1 P-47D 864 Cat #1

b. Cause: Enemy flak

c. Crew Casualties: Nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA / MIA on Miss. No.

e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded / MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): Nil / E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) / E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Entire recce area and alternate target obscured by overcast. Flight dive bombed highway E of Landau from 10,000' to 3,000'. Stiff wind hindered accurate bombing. 1 X 500 on road caused partial block at R-3773. 2 near misses, rest of bombs missed.

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 2 March 45 Mission No. 3089

1. No. Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1100 Time Down 1305 Total Hours 25:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather 5/10 - 2000 - 8000' - vis. good.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Nil Reason
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Attack Tank repair & activity R-429324. b. Time over Objective 1210 c. No. A/C Attacking 12 d. Alt. of Release 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost or MIA & Dest. A/C	No Ret'd to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	23	1			Nil	Nil

Exolosive Jettisoned: Number Nil Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM: .50 cal. Carried 33,600 Expended 450

9. Type Flak: Nil Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Ret'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Ret'd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) Nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type) Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Glide bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. 19 x 500 direct hits in target area R-429324. One large building was destroyed and a large explosion was seen - black smoke went up to 2500'. 1 x 500 was dropped on burning factory at R-445351. 4 were misses. Nothing unusual seen on recce.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 2 March 45 Mission No. 3086

1. No Of 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 0720 Time Down 0905 Total Hours 14:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and Strafing 3. Weather Clear over target.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type Nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armed Recce. Area #1. Train at R-245310. b. Time over Objective 0815 c. No. A/C Attacking 12 d. Alt. of Release 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	24				Nil	Nil

Explosive Jettisoned: Number Nil Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	6725

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	inacc	scant	R-2431
Lt	inacc	scant	R-8973
Lt	inacc	scant	R-1768

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses Nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil SW, LW or Unwounded

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) Nil E/A Damaged (No. & Type) Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Glide bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. Bombed 30 plus railroad cars at R-245310. 2 x 500 ~~XXX~~ hit cars, destroying three-2 were long, cutting tracks, 6 hit in town, destroying about five buildings. One strafing pass was made-strikes on 10 cars. Rest of bombs misses. Strafing--one loco dam., and strikes on 6 railroad cars at R-172688, train was alive, facing west-not moving. 2 or 3 loco's damaged at 2-892735.

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 2 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3090

1. No Off 13 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1345 Time Down 1515 Total Hours 16:50 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather 8/10 cover 3500'-7000'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason — 2 P-47D (1) Gun insp. plate opened (1) Wingman.
b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type / Reason — nil

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed M/Yards at vic. north of Pirmasens, coord. unknown.	1425	9	4,000'
Bombed at R-1069, Germany.	1420	2	4,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 13 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500#GP	Inst. N & T	13	9	2			0	0
	.1N .01T	13	9	2			0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500#GP	4	Safety measure	Friendly territory at Z-6591, France.

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	32,500	5,660

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
nil			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: nil b. Cause: c. Crew Casualties:

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. 9 A/C bombed M/Yards in vicinity north of Pirmasens, Germany; 6 bombs were direct hits in yards, 12 bombs hit in vicinity of yards. 2 A/C bombed at R-1069, no results obs. Flight strafed rail cars but exact position unknown, results unobserved.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 2 March 45 Mission No. 3092

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1645 Time Down 1815 Total Hours 18:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing

3. Weather Overcast over Zweibrucken area, top 5000', bottom unknown.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type Nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: armed Recce. area #1. Alternate: Zweibrucken Q-7272

b. Time over Objective 1740

c. No. A/C Attacking 12

d. Alt. of Release 14,000'

6. a. Escorted by ~~12~~ Nil

b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs: 12

Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	24				Nil	Nil

Exolosive Jettisoned: Number Nil; Reason; Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	0

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Nil			

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil; Location; Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil; b. Cause; c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd Nil (SW, LW or Unwounded) MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil; E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) Nil; E/A Damaged (No. & Type) Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
~~Tactical~~ Tactical formation enroute. Due to overcast over T/A, mission leader called Baggage and was referred to Pelican, thence to Pelican Junior, which gave heading and directions for bombing through overcast. Flights released bombs from 14,000'. Control then reported "perfect score", telling mission it had bombed Zweibrucken Q-7272.

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Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No. Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7. Type Explosive | Fusing N. T. | Number Carried | No Expended at Each Objective (1) (2) (3) (4) | Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Explosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Sq., Date 2 Mar 45 Mission No. 3093

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1255 Time Down 1525 Total Hours 30:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Escort 3. Weather .8 cover 4-7,000'

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type / Reason: Nil
   b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type / Reason: Nil

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Escort B-26's
   b. Time over Objective: 1400
   c. No. A/C Attacking
   d. Alt. of Release

6. a. Escorted by Nil
   b. Escorting B-26's
   c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Nil
   Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Escort

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
Nil							

Explosive Jettisoned: Number / Reason / Location: Nil

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal	33,600	0

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Moderate	R-8435

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered / Location / Aggressiveness: Nil

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil
    b. Cause
    c. Crew Casualties: Nil
    d. A/C Rt'd From MIA: Nil / MIA on Miss. No.
    e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded / MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) / E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) / E/A Damaged (No. & Type): Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation. Escorted B-26's as directed, no incidents.

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Group Sq. Date Mission No.

1. No Off (No., Type Model) Time Up Time Down Total Hours (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission 3. Weather

4. *a.* A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason *b.* A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. *a.* Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: *b.* Time over Objective *c.* No. A/C Attacking *d.* Alt. of Release

6. *a.* Escorted by *b.* Escorting
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM Carried Expended

9. Type Flak Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Location Aggressiveness

11. *a.* Own Aircraft Losses *b.* Cause *c.* Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. *e.* MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

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APO 374, U. S. Army
2 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 2 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2909 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0710 down at 0925, target, RR between R-0268 & Landau. 7 A/C bombed tunnel at R-132690. T.O.T. 0800, bomb run to 3000', 14 hits in target area, haze obsecured results, 2 hits on loco at R-320848 with 8 passenger cars, 1 RR cut. Strafed & damaged 3 cars. 4 A/C strafed & damaged 2 locos at R-398865. Intense LAA at R-132690. Weather 10/10ths 5000' top, Karlsruhe S & E, 10/10ths 7000' Mannheim, heavy haze at target. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 lb GP, 4 x 500 lb RDX.

Mission 2910 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 0720 down at 0910, target, factory building with 3 RR tracks on grounds & 2 locos with 15 coal cars at Q-515808. T.O.T. 0810, bomb run to 2000', 10 hits in building area, started large fire with flames but little smoke, 4 hits on tracks in front of loco, 1 rial out, 2 hits in town, 1 factory building damaged. Fired 16 rockets at loco & 5 passenger cars at R-362855. T.O.T. 0830, loco destroyed, strafed, but make no claims. Fired 12 rockets at 2 locos & 16 loaded coal cars at R-406868, 2 locos destroyed, strafed cars but could start no fire. Strafed American type weapons carrier & damaged it. Intense LAA & scant HAA. Weather hazy S. of Kaiserlautern, N of there 6/10ths 4000' - 5000'. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb RDX, 28 Rockets.

Mission 2911 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0815 down at 1030, target, supplies in area Q-647684 & ammo dump Q-645680. 4 A/C bombed Q-645680, T.O.T. 0840, bomb run to 1000', 8 hits in area, no explosions but quantity of black smoke, 1 building destroyed. 4 A/C bombed Q-647684. T.O.T. 0845, 8 hits in target area, no claims as smoke obsecured target. 4 A/C strafed 1 loco & 10 plus boxcars, loco destroyed & 3 cars damaged. 8 A/C strafed tank & MT on flat cars at M-6329, 3 fires started, 6 MT damaged & 3 MT destroyed. Strafed loco & 8 plus boxcars at M-6229, loco & 3 cars damaged. Intense LAA at M-6329, scant HAA just N. of Mannheim. Weather 3/10ths 4000' Rhine Valley, 5/10ths 4000' in Bitche area. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb GP, 6 x 500 lb RDX.

Mission 2912 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 0820 down at 1000, target, stores at Q-740733. T.O.T. 0850, bomb run to 2000', 4 hits between target & building area to SE, 4 hits into buildings, 4 buildings destroyed, 2 near misses, 5 near misses to SE, 1 hung up, dropped in woods at Q-740810. Flight, with controller's permission fired 15 rockets on roads in Wissembourg, saw explosions, but no claims. Intense LAA at target. Weather: Homburg-Kaiserlautern 8/10ths to 10/10ths 7000' - 8000' with ground haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb RDX, 16 Rockets.

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Mission 2913 (Dive bombing mission)

8P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1010 down at 1150, target, tank repair shop at Q-944934. T.O.T. 1100, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits SE edge of target, 2 hits NW edge, 8 hits S & 2 unobserved, 2 hung up, dropped 2 miles W. of Neustadt, no results observed. 4 A/C fired 24 rockets at RR at R-285672, no hits observed. Scant inaccurate LAA at Q-944934. Weather 7/10ths 4000' - 6000' at target with clouds directly overhead. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 lb RDX, 6 x 500 lb GP, 24 Rockets.

Mission 2914 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1020, down at 1220, target, RR cut between R-0268 & Landau. T.O.T. 1100, bomb run to 500', 2 hits cut rails at R-132690, 3 near misses, 9 hits in general area, 2 failed to explode. 4 A/C strafed loco & 20 plus empty boxcars & flatcars at R-544598, loco damaged. Scant LAA at R-544598 & R-132690. Weather 8/10ths top 5000', Mannheim N & E, 5/10ths 4000' - 5000' over target. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 GP, 4 x 500 lb RDX.

Mission 2915 (Bomber Escort Mission)

16 P-47s, 8 of 314th & 8 of 316th Fighter Squadrons on bomber escort mission up at 1245 down at 1530, escort 48 B-26s, rendezvous at Luneville at 1315 hours at 10,000'. Target, Seigelsbach ammo dump at R-949747. T.O.T. 1405, left bombers E. of Ottenheim at 1500 hours. No incidents. Mod. to intense inaccurate HAA at Stuttgart. Weather E. of Rhine to target area & S. 8/10ths - 10/10ths top 10,000'.

Mission 2916 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1440 down at 1640, target, stores dump at R-298684. T.O.T. 1520, bomb run to 3000', 2 hits cut rails at R-294682, 17 misses, 3 hit in buildings at R-295674. Mod. accurate LAA at R-298684. Weather: Kaiserlautern area 8/10ths - 10/10ths 4000' to 10,000', Rhine Valley 3/10ths - 5/10ths 4000' to 6000'. Moderate haze. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb RDX, 6 x 260 lb Frags.

Mission 2917 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1445 down at 1705, target, cut RR between R-0268 & Landau. T.O.T. 1545, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits cut RR at R-227677, 16 misses. 5 A/C dropped 5 bombs over Rastatt, noresults observed. Scant LAA at R-227677. Weather 9/10ths 6000' to 9000' in target area. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb RDX, 5 x 260 lb Frags, 2 x 250 lb Demo.

Mission 2918 (Dive bomber mission)

8 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1620 down at 1820, target, tank repair at Q-944934. T.O.T. 1705, bomb run to 2000', 3 hits among sheds in NW corner of target, 2 buildings destroyed, 3 hits in S part of target, 17 hits SW of target. 4 A/C fired 24 rockets & strafed 3 locos between Q-950926 & Q-980933 & 75 boxcars scattered in area. 1 loco damaged & small fire started near tracks, 2 locos damaged by strafing. Scant accurate LAA at Q-944934 & between Q-950926 & Q-980933. Weather 8/10ths - 10/10ths 7500' - 10,000' over mts. W. of Rhine, 7/10ths - 8/10ths 7500' to 10,000' in Rhine Valley. 1 A/C damaged by flak, Cat. #1. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb RDX, 7 x 260 lb Frags. 24 Rockets.

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Mission 2919 (Armed recce mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on armed recce mission up at 1600 down at 1805, target, loco & 20 plus boxcars & 10 tank cars at W-8193. T.O.T. 1705, bomb run to 1500', 4 hits on boxcars, 4 cars destroyed, 1 hit damaged loco, 14 misses. 3 A/C strafed same target, damaged 2 tank cars & destroyedl boxcar (flamer). 1 A/C returned early, mechanical trouble, jettisoned 2 x 500 lb RDX at Q-2823. Weather, 10/10ths from 5000' to 10,000' with few scattered holes in entire area. Bombs exp: 14 x 500 lb RDX, 5 x 260 lb Frags.

BOMBER ESCORT MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	16
	(ii)	16
	(viii)	16
Note 5 D	(i)	42:00
Note 6 E	(i)	32,000

ARMED RECCE MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	24
	(ii)	23
	(iii)c.	1
	(viii)	24
Note 5 D	(i)	45:40
Note 6 E	(i)	48,000
	(ii)	7,320
Note 7 F	(i)	48 x 500 lb RDX 11 x 260 lb Frags 28 Rockets
	(ii)	46 x 500 lb RDX 11 x 260 lb Frags 28 Rockets
	(iii)	2 x 500 lb RDX

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324TH FIGHTER GROUP

DIVE BOMBER MISSIONS 2 MARCH 1945

Note 4 B	(i)	56
	(ii)	56
	(vi)	1 Flak, Cat. #1
	(viii)	56
Note 5 D	(i)	113:20
Note 6 E	(i)	112,000
	(ii)	22,680
Note 7 F	(i)	112 x 500 lb (40 x 500 lb GP, 72 x 500 lb RDX) 12 x 260 lb Frags 2 x 250 lb Demo 63 Rockets
	(ii)	112 x 500 lb (40 x 500 lb GP, 72 x 500 lb RDX 12 x 260 lb Frags 2 x 250 lb Demo 63 Rockets

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	Destroyed	Damaged
MT	3	7
Locos	4	7
RR cars	5	11
Supply dumps		1
Buildings	7	1

	Complete
RR cuts	5

For the Group Commander:

Jack H. Kunzie

JACK H. KUNZIE
1st Lt., Air Corps,
Ass't Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS 27TH FIGHTER GROUP
ARMY AIR FORCES

APO 374, U. S. Army,
March 2, 1945.

SUBJECT: OPREP A.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command. (Stat. Officer)
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing. (Stat. Officer)

OPREP A. No. 8 for 24 hours ending 2100 hours, 1 March 1945.
Operations Order No. 45, 46, 47, 48, 49 and 50, 64th Fighter Wing.

A. AO 45. 12 a/c offat 1330 on escort mission of B-26s who were attacking Ammo Dump at Siegelbach (R-949747). Escort uneventful. No flak. Pre-briefed. Weather 9/10 between 4000 and 6000' E.of Rhine. TOT 1510, all a/c landed 1710.

A. AO 46. 12 a/c off at 0940 on pre-briefed bombing mission of RR cuts at R-0266 and Landau. TOT 0935, 8 a/c landed at 1100, 2 at 0925 and 2 at 1050. Controller instructed flight to recce area E. of Kaiserlautern. At Alsey (R-2726) marshalling yards were bombed with good results. No flak; weather - 10/10 at 5000' so flight went down to 3000 to bomb.

A. AO 47. 12 a/c off at 1340 on escort mission for 450 RAF heavies. TOT 1435. 7 planes landed at 1642, 1 at 1655, 2 at 1550, 2 at 1425. No results observed by bombing due to 10/10 cover over target area. Flak; Intense 88mm from Mannheim area.

A. AO 48. 12 a/c off at 1350 on escort mission of RAF heavies attacking Mannheim. TOT 1450. Escort without incident. No observations. All planes landed at 1700. No flak. Weather 8/10 at 6,000, CAVU above.

A. AO 49. 12 a/c off at 0900 on pre-briefed bombing mission of supply and ammo dump at R-3457096. TOT 0925. Bombs dropped from 4000' in concentrated pattern on area. Results unobserved to brown smoke coming from target area. All planes landed at 1020. No flak. Weather - Haze, visibility 5 miles.

A. AO 50. 12 a/c off at 0935 on pre-briefed bombing mission of roads from R-7269 and R-7169. TOT 0950, roads bombed from 4500 feet with 2 direct hits and several near misses. All planes landed at 1035. No flak, Weather 8/10 covered over target area.

	Bombing	Escort
B. 1.	36 P-47Ds.	36 P-47Ds
2.	32 P-47Ds	Nil
3.	4 - 2 radios out, 1 wingman, 1 cyl head temp. gauge.	4 - 1 radio out and wingman 1 Primer out and wingman
4. thru 7.	Nil	Nil
8.	36	36
C. 1.	36 x 75 gal. belly tanks.	38 x 110 wing tanks. 17 x 75 gal. belly tanks.
2.	Nil	Nil

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BOMBING	ESCORT
D. 1. 63 hours 50 minutes 2. Nil	D. 1. 112 hours 35 minutes 2. Nil
E. 1. 105,600 x .50 cal. 2. 3,630 x .50 cal. 3. Nil	E. 1. 105,600 x .50 cal. 2. Nil 3. Nil
F. 1. 64 x 500 GP 8 x 500 RDX 2. 58 x 500 GP 4 x 500 RDX 3. 2 x 500 GP (Hung) jettisoned at 23/87 4. Nil	F. 1 thru 4 Nil G. Nil H. Nil I. Nil
G. Nil.	
H. Nil	
I. Claims on ground.	

2 road cuts
2 rail cuts
4 rr cars destroyed
6 rr cars damaged.

For the Group Commander:

/s/ W. E. Owen Jr.
WILLIAM E. OWEN, JR.,
Captain, Air Corps,
Statistical Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
FIFTEENTH FIGHTER GROUP (XII)

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APO 374, U.S. Army.
2 March 1945

SUBJECT: Oprep A No. 294.

TO: Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command, ATTN: Stat. Cont.
Commanding General, 64th Fighter Wing, ATTN: Stat. Officer.

Oprep A No. 294 for 24 Hours ending sunset 1 March 1945.
Operations Order No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, XII Fighter Command.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 0803 hours, 1 March 1945, Lt. Devine leading 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 16 x 500, 8 x M. 17 bombs on an ammunition dump at ¢-668822, this target had been attacked before. No large explosions resulted but the partially burned out bldgs which were still standing were set on fire. 3 x 260 frag bombs were dropped on 2 locomotives at ¢658832, 2 locomotives damaged. 1 x 260 frag bomb was dropped at ¢-710810 destroying 1 box car. 4 x 260 frag bombs were dropped at ¢-652781, destroying 1 locomotive, damaging 1 locomotive and 5 box cars. 1 locomotive strafed and destroyed at ¢-701741. 20 box cars were strafed and damaged at ¢710724. 2 M/T were strafed and destroyed at ¢ 9c7628. Two 2g ton trucks were strafed and destroyed at ¢996019. 1 M/T was strafed and destroyed at ¢684c70. Moderate accurate, light flak encountered at ¢-652781, ¢-635835, ¢-701735. Time down A-96, 1020 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96, at 0939 hours, 1 March 1945, Lt. Huttenberger leading, 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 6 x 500, 3 x 260 lb bombs on a supply dump at ¢-929713, this target had already been destroyed. 5 x 500, 3 x 260 8 x M 76 bombs were dropped on 8 warehouse type buildings at ¢-923713, bombs missed the target but falling into an adjacent town destroyed 5 bldgs and started several fires. 5 x 500, 1 x 260 lb bombs were dropped on a supply point at A-380504 with unobserved results. 1 large bldg was strafed and damaged at A-383503. 2 88 MM gun positions were strafed and destroyed at A-383503. Light, accurate, heavy flak encountered at A-380504. Time down at A-96, 1148 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1010 hours, 1 March 1945, Captain Goode leading 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. 16 x 500, 8 x M 76 bombs were dropped on 3 long hanger type bldgs at A-569925, all 3 bldgs were destroyed and burned furiously. 1 factory was destroyed and another damaged at A-574923 and A-576924. 1 warehouse was damaged by 4 rockets at A-567927. 5 flak cars were damaged by strafing at A-2760, 4 rockets were expended on this target. 1 M/T strafed and destroyed at A-2773. 1 M/B vehicle strafed and destroyed at A-5979. 8 rockets were returned to the base. Moderate, inaccurate, heavy flak encountered over Ludwigshafen. Time down at A-96, 1220 hours.

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A. One squadron of group took off on a dive bombing mission from A-96 at 1157 hours 1 March 1945, Lt. Tydeman leading, 16 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Squadron dropped 12 x 500, 6 x 260, 8 x M 17 bombs on 50 box cars at M-272035 with poor results, 24 rockets and strafing accounted for 48 box cars damaged, 2 destroyed and 1 railcut. Accurate small arms fire encountered at M-272035. Time down at A-96, 1349 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on an escort mission from A-96 at 1427 hours 1 March 1945, Lt. Col., Case leading, 12 P-47D's and 1 spare took off. Spare did not complete mission. Escort mission was uneventful. no flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1636 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a fighter sweep mission from A-96 at 1313 hours 1 March 1945, Major Riggin leading 15 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Fighter sweep was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1605 hours.

A. One squadron of group took off on a fighter sweep mission from A-96 at 1410 hours, 1 March 1945 Capt. Lamour leading, 12 P-47D's took off and completed mission. Mission was uneventful. No flak encountered. Time down at A-96, 1712 hours.

B. 1. 63 x P-47D's
2. 63
3-6 Nil
7. 1 cat 1 flak, 2 cat II flak.
8. 63 sorties

C. 1. 17 x 75 gal tanks carried
8 x 150 " " "
2. 10 x 75 gal tanks jettisoned
8 x 150 " " "

D. 1. 134 hours x P-47D.
2. None

E. 1. 119,700 rds x .50 cal. carried.
2. 24,075 rds expended.

F. 1. 60 x 500 lb(16 x GP inst. 44 x FDX Inst.)
21 x 260 frag bombs
16 x M 76
16 x M 17
64 x 5" rockets
2. 60 x 500
21 x 260
16 x M 76
16 x M 17
56 x rockets.
3. None.
4. 8 rockets returned to base.

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G. 1st Lt. William N. Huttemberger, O-81[illegible]65 was slightly wounded when flak hit his aircraft.

H. Nil

I. Other claims on ground.

2 locomotives destroyed
2 " damaged.
3 box cars destroyed
73 " " damaged
6 M/T destroyed
5 Bldgs destroyed
4 " Damaged.
2 gun positions destroyed
1 factory destroyed
1 factory damaged
1 warehouse damaged.
5 Flak cars damaged.
1 R/D vehicle destroyed
1 rail cut.

Escort Mission

B. 1. 12 P-47D's , 1 spare
2. 12
3. 7 Nil.
8. 12 sorties.

C. None

D. 28 Hours x P-47D

E. 1. 24,700 rds x .50 cal.
2. None

F. G. H. I. Nil.

Fighter Sweep

B. 1. 27 x P-47D's
2. 27
3. 7 Nil
8. 27 sorties

C. None

D. 1. 73 Hours x P-47D's
2. None

E. 1. 51,300 rds carried
2. None

F.G.H.I. Nil

For the Group Commander:

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[illegible] 1760,
1st Lt., AAF Corps,
Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 1 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3081

1. No Off 11 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1125 Time Down 1250 Total Hours 15:05 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather 8/10 cover 4000'-6000'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 P-47D	Safety measure (wingman failed to take off).

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type: nil; Reason:

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed rail lines at Q-6775, Germany.	1200	9	1,000'
Bombed rail lines at Q-6174, Germany.	1200	1	1,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 11 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rtd & Dest. A/C to Base
500#GP	.1N .025T	22	18	2			0 0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
500#GP	2	Safety measure	Friendly territory U-9720.

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	17,500	8,800

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Slight	Q-6775, Q-7372, Q-6068.

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. 9 A/C bombed rail lines at Q-6775, Germany; 4 bombs were direct hits and 2 bombs near misses effecting 3 rail cuts, 2 bombs hit embankment damaging it, 10 bombs were misses at this point, no results obs. 1 A/C bombed at Q-6174; 2 bombs were direct hits and destroyed 1 box car and effected a rail cut. Flight strafed 30-40 box cars at Q-6876, started fires and smoke in approx. 10 of these. Strafed and damaged gun position at Q-6875. 10-12 trucks with yellow, white panels on hood moving north at Q-4964. Rails from Hamberg and Neunkirchen obs. to have been bombed.

For the Group Commander:

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Captain, Air Corps
Operations Officer

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 1 March 45 Mission No. 3082

1. No. Of 25 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1345 Time Down 1605 Total Hours 54:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and Escort 3. Weather 7/10 clouds 5 to 6000', open in spots north of target area.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type Nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Attack supply dump R-327429; furnish area cover for 500 RAF bombers attacking Mannheim. b. Time over Objective 1435 c. No. A/C Attacking 25 d. Alt. of Release 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting 500 RAF bombers

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 25 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. I.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	No Rt'd A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	50	50				Nil	Nil

Explosive Jettisoned: Number Nil Reason Location

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	70,000	1175

9. Type Flak Nil Accuracy Intensity Location (grid coordinate)

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses Nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Glide bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. 10 x 500 were hits in eastern part of target area; 6 were NM; 10 all east of target area. 3 a/c strafed T/A. Large red explosion seen when first set of bombs exploded. Second flights results: 17 x 500 in T/A, with 3 DH on 3 buildings, destroying 1 and damaging 2. 1 road block created in T/A. 7 x 500 misses. Afforded area cover as directed; no enemy a/c sighted.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core

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Group 86th Fighter Sq. 525th Fighter Date 1 March 45 Mission No. 3080

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1105 Time Down 1230 Total Hours 17:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing

3. Weather 5/10 at 7000'-target-clear on the ground

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Nil Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission: No. & Type Nil Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: armed Recce. area #2 Train at R-3080.

b. Time over Objective 1150

c. No. A/C Attacking 12

d. Alt. of Release 1500'

6. a. Escorted by Nil

b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12

Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost or MIA & Dest.	No Ri'd A/C to Base
500GP	.1 .025	24	24				Nil	Nil

Exolosive Jettisoned: Number Nil; Reason; Location

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 cal.	33,600	330

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Lt	acc	int	R-3080

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil; Location; Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft damaged 049, Cate. #1

b. Cause flak

c. Crew Casualties Nil

d. A/C Ri'd From MIA Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded Nil MIA on Miss. No. Nil

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
Nil	Nil	Nil

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Tactical formation enroute. Red tape had called out train as good target for bombing at R-3080. Hotday found a 40 car train there, and saw some cars smoking & burning from previous strafing. Glide bombed target, releasing bombs at 1500'. 10 x 500 were DH, destroying at least 20 cars, blowing at least 10 of these of the tracks into the woods along the rails. 4 x 500 cut the rails, and 2 were DH on a 3 line switch point. 8 were misses.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse R. Core

JESSE R. CORE, Captain, Air Corps, Operations Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 1 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3083

1. No Off 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1420 Time Down 1640 Total Hours 25:50 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Escort 3. Weather 10/10 cover at 10,000', vis. 3 mi.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
1 P-47D	Mech. failure

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Escorted bombers on target south of Mannheim R-3359, Germany.	1520	nil (escort)	nil

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting 56 B-26's.
c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs nil Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Escort

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
nil							

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	30,000	65

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Heavy	Accurate	Moderate	S-0521

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No.
SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute with bombers and on return. Flight met bombers at 1445 hours and escorted them to target. Bombers did not bomb primary target but bombed M/Yards or large town starting large fires. Escorted bombers back without incident. Cloud cover made it impossible to identify target which was bombed. No enemy movements obs.

For the Group Commander:

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 526th Fighter Date 1 Mar. 1945 Mission No. 3084

1. No Ofl 12 P-47D (No., Type Model) Time Up 1620 Time Down 1740 Total Hours 16:00 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather 10/10 cover 3,500'-6,500'.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission

No. & Type	Reason
nil	

5.

a. Location of Objective. Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Bombed rail line at W-0875,Germany.	1705	12	2,000'

6. a. Escorted by nil b. Escorting nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs nil

7.

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest.	A/C No Rt'd to Base
500#GP	.1N .025T	24	24				0	0

Explosive Jettisoned	Number	Reason	Location
nil			

8.

Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	30,000	600

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
nil			

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
nil		

11.

a. Own Aircraft Losses	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
nil		

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA nil MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd nil MIA on Miss No. SW. LW or Unwounded

12.

E/A Destroyed (No. & Type)	E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type)	E/A Damaged (No. & Type)
nil		

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):

Fighter formation enroute, in string over target. Enroute flight was recalled by "Baggage". Weather prevented recce in assigned area, (10/10 cover 3,500' to 10,000'). Flight crossed Rhine River south of Strassbourg and bombed rail line at W-0875; no results obs. No enemy movements obs.

For the Group Commander:

Jesse L. Core Jr

JESSE R. CORE Signature
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Operations Officer

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 527th Fighter Date 1 March 45 Mission No. 3085

1. No Of 8 P-47's (No., Type Model) Time Up 1445 Time Down 1635 Total Hours 14:40 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing 3. Weather .4 cover at 13,000 feet.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point: Armd Recce # 2, Attacked Marshalling yards at R-2867 | b. Time over Objective 1540 | c. No. A/C Attacking 8 | d. Alt. of Release 2000 feet.

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 8 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500 lb Gp.	.1 & .025	16	16				

Explosive Jettisoned: Number Nil Reason Location

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal.	20,000	700

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Inaccurate	Intense	R-2867

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered: Nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft Losses: Nil b. Cause c. Crew Casualties

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilot: Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type): Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Fighter formation enroute, Dive bombed from 12,000 feet at a 60 degree angle with pull outs at 3000 feet. Bombed marshalling yards at R-2867,(approximately 150 boxcars) and hit building area South of target, all bombs misses. 3 buildings destroyed, 4 buildings damaged. (fire started with black smoke).

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 86th Fighter Sq. 52 7th Fighter Date 1 March 45 Mission No. 3079

1. No Of 12 P-47D's (No., Type Model) Time Up 1030 Time Down 1220 Total Hours 20:20 (By Type A/C)

2. Type Mission Bombing and strafing 3. Weather Base-4/10 at 4000 feet. Saarbrucken and North 8/10 cover.

4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines: No. & Type Reason b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission No. & Type Reason

5. a. Location of Objective, Coordinate & Aiming Point:	b. Time over Objective	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt. of Release
Armed Recce No. 1, Attacked Railyards at R-3571.	1115	12	2000 feet.

6. a. Escorted by Nil b. Escorting Nil

c. No. A/C Carrying Bombs 12 Duty of A/C Not Carrying Bombs Nil

7. Type Explosive	Fusing	Number Carried	No Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA No Rt'd & Dest. A/C to Base
500 lb Gp.	N. T. .1 & .025	24	24				

Exolosive Jettisoned Number Reason Location
Nil

8. Ammo., Cal., or MM	Carried	Expended
.50 Cal.	30,000	5,850

9. Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (grid coordinate)
Light	Accurate	Scent	Q-7888
Light	Accurate	Intense	R-3571

10. No. & Type E/A Encountered Nil Location Aggressiveness

11. a. Own Aircraft ~~Damaged~~ Damaged	b. Cause	c. Crew Casualties
A/C # 645 - Cat. # 1,	Flak	Nil

d. A/C Rt'd From MIA MIA on Miss. No. e. MIA Pilots Rtd SW, LW or Unwounded MIA on Miss. No.

12. E/A Destroyed (No. & Type) Nil E/A Prob Dest (No. & Type) E/A Damaged (No. & Type)

13. Narrative: (Formation Enroute, Bombing Procedure, and Brief Description of Results):
Fighter formation enroute, Dive bombed from 10,000 feet at a 55 degree angle with pull outs at 2000 feet. 1 locomotive damaged by strafing at Q-7988, 2 bombs cut rails at Q-7988. 15-20 railroad cars loaded with tanks and M/T's were bombed at R-3571. 6 direct hits destroyed 7 loaded cars, cut rails in 3 places. 8 near misses dameged approximately 4 loaded cars, (knocked them off the tracks). Rest of bombs misses. Observed 3-4 live locomotives in yards at Saarbrucken.

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HEADQUARTERS
324TH FIGHTER GROUP

APO 374, U. S. Army
1 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep for 24 hour period ending Sunset 1 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, VII Tactical Air Command, APO 374, U. S. Army
(ATT: Statistical Section)

Note 3 A

Mission 2902 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1000 down at 1145, target, gas & ammo dump at Q-689822. T.O.T. 1050, bomb run to 1500', 6 hits NW of target, 2 hit E of target, 8 unobserved, no results observed due to weather, 7 hits around edge but outside target area. 4 A/C strafed loco & 30 plus boxcars at Q-783872, 1 loco & 5 cars damaged. Scant LAA at Q-783872. Weather over Zweibrucken 10/10ths 3000' - 4000', Rhine Valley 6/10ths at 6000'. Bombs exp: 6 x 500 RDX, 10 x 500 GP, 7 x 100 Phos.

Mission 2903 (Dive bombing mission)

11 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1015 down at 1140, target, cut RR between Kaiserlautern & Neustadt. 4 A/C bombed RR junction at R-1394. T.O.T. 1045, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits made road block at R-133941, 6 misses. 6 A/C bombed S. end of tunnel at R-208890, 2 hits top of tunnel, throwing debris on tracks, 2 hit hill above tunnel, 8 misses. 1 A/C bombed S end of tunnel at R-203890, 2 hits in tunnel mouth, possibly damaged tunnel & cut rails. Scant LAA at R-1394. Weather 3/10ths - 4/10ths 5000' over area, 10/10ths base 7000' E of Landau & Neustadt covering Rhine Valley. Bombs exp: 10 x 500 GP, 12 x 500 RDX.

Mission 2904 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1015 down at 1215, target, supply point at Q-929713. T.O.T. 1055, bomb run to 3000', 4 hits in target area, no claims due to previous destruction, 6 hits in town S of target, 2 buildings destroyed, 2 hits E of target, 2 hits W in woods, 2 hits N into buildings, destroying 1 building. 2 hits E, 3 hits W & 1 hit into forest near Wissembourg. 4 A/C strafed 5 or 6 horse drawn vehicles at M-4418, no claims, strafed & damaged 2 MT at M-4223, 1 building strafed & small explosion resulted, building destroyed. Scant FAA at Mannheim. Weather, E of Rhine 7/10ths at 6000', 7/10ths over target at 6000'. Bombs exp: 12 x 500 RDX, 4 x 500 GP, 7 x 100 Phos.

Mission 2905 (Dive bombing mission)

12 P-47s of 315th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1330 down at 1620, target, supply dump at R-290682. T.O.T. 1400, bomb run to 2000', 2 hits on RR tracks at R-292682, 1 rail cut, 2 hit tracks at R-292685, 1 rail cut, 4 misses between tracks & target, 16 hits in target, many barrels & boxes hit & much debris in air, black smoke after bombing, also 1 RR cut at target. Scant HAA from Mannheim. Weather 2/10ths - 3/10ths from 4000' to 6000' over target & to west. Bombs exp: 20 x 500 GP, 4 x 500 RDX.

Mission 2906 (Dive bombing mission)

12 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1335 down at 1635, target, supply dump at R-290683. T.O.T. 1410, bomb run to 2000', 2 hit E of target, 2 hung up & dropped at Worms, 20 misses, believed due to high wind. 2 A/C returned early from Mannheim. Lancasters bombing Mannheim. Intense accurate HAA from Mannheim. Weather 8/10ths - 10/10ths, 10,000', Mannheim, lowering to 8/10ths 5000' over target. Bombs exp: 24 x 500 GP.

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Mission 2907 (Bomber Escort mission)

12 P-47s of 314th Fighter Squadron on Bomber Escort mission up at 1415 down at 1700, rendezvous with 48 B-26s over base at 10,000' at 1445 hours. Target, Siegelsbach ammo dump at R-949747. Flight unable to tell if bombs were dropped, but saw 3 large fires in vicinity of target. No incidents. Left bombers at 1630 at Baccarat. Mod. HAA at bombers at Stuttgart, intense HAA at R-710330, mod. HAA at R-925098. Weather 4/10ths to 6/10ths 3000' - 3500', target, 8/10ths at 3000' - 3500'.

Mission 2908 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1730, target, rails in Kaiserlautern and Neustadt area. All A/C bombed RR at W-2278. T.O.T. 1655, bomb run to 1500', 4 hits made 2 RR cuts, 2 hit building E. of tracks, building destroyed, 10 unobserved due to weather. Mod. LAA & scant HAA at W-2278. Weather 10/10ths base 3000' over Kaiserlauthern area, broken clouds at 1500' - 2000' at target. Bombs exp: 16 x 500 lb GP.

BOMBER ESCORT MISSION

Note 4 B	(i)	12
	(ii)	12
	(viii)	12
Note 5 D	(i)	33:00
Note 6 E	(i)	24,000

DIVE BOMBER MISSIONS

Note 4 B	(i)	59
	(ii)	59
	(viii)	59
C	(i)	29 75 gal.
	(ii)	28 75 gal.
Note 5 D	(i)	122:25
Note 6 E	(i)	118,000
	(ii)	5,560
Note 7 F	(i)	118 x 500 lb (34 x 500 lb RDX; 84 x 500lb GP) 13 x 100 lb Phos.
	(ii)	118 x 500 lb (34 x 500 lb RDX; 84 x 500 lb GP) 13 x 100 lb Phos.

Note 10 I

	Destroyed	Damaged
MT		2
Locos		1
RR cars		5
Supply dumps		1
Buildings	5	

	Complete
Road blocks	1
RR cuts	6

For the Group Commander:

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Mission 2908 (Dive bombing mission)

8 P-47s of 316th Fighter Squadron on dive bombing mission up at 1610 down at 1730, target, rails in Kaiserlautern and Neustadt area. All A/C bombed RR at W-2278. T.O.T. 1655, bomb run to 1500', 4 hits made 2 RR cuts, 2 hit building E. of tracks, building destroyed, 10 unobserved due to weather. Mod. LAA & scant HAA at W-2278. Weather 10/10ths base 3000' over Kaiserlautherm area, broken clouds at 1500' - 2000' at target. Bombs exp; 16 x 500 lb GP.

BOMBER ESCORT MISSION

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	(ii)	12
	(viii)	12
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Buildings	5	

	Complete
Road blocks	1
RR cuts	6

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HEADQUARTERS 358TH FIGHTER GROUP
APO 374 U.S. Army

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2 March 1945.

SUBJECT: Oprep.

TO : Commanding General, XII Tactical Air Command (Rear),
Attn: Statistical Officer.
Commanding Officer, 64th Fighter Wing,
Attn: Statistical Officer.

1. In compliance with Ninth Air Force Memo 55-8, dated 29 Mar 1944, the following report is submitted.

2. From: 358th Fighter Group.

3. Oprep No.: 228 for the period ending Sunset 1 March 1945.

4. Operation No.: A.O. 15. Escort B-26s mission.

A. A.O.15. 12 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 1345 to escort B-26s. Route flown was base to Luneville to Ettenheim to Wolfach to Neilderstadt to Eppingen to target (R-949747) and return by the same route. R/V was at 1410 over Luneville at 10,000 ft and left the bombers at 1600 over St Die. A B-17 was seen to explode over Germersheim at 1515. A series of explosions was seen after the bombing of the target. There was no flak, no losses, and no e/a seen. Weather: broken clouds of 6/10ths with base at 4500, tops 6000, and visibility below the clouds at 8 miles. Down 1630.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C completed mission, escorting B-26s.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 35:45
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil

F. Nil

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G. Nil

H. Nil

I. Nil

4. (2) Operation No: A.O.16. Armed Reconnaissance mission.

A.O. 16 12 P-47s of the 365 Squadron dispatched at 0920 to conduct an A/a with an alternate target of barracks and supplies at R-326688. 24 x 500# GP bombs were carried. Route flown was base to Pforzheim to Landau to base. Recce was not completed due to adverse weather. Time over target areas was 1010-1100. 20 GPs were dropped on the alternate target with all bombs in the area 3 bldgs damaged (this area had been previously bombed). 4 GPs were lost in the Pforzheim area by the two aircraft which collided in mid-air). The following observations were made en route: a considerable number of tanks and M/Ts were parked under trees on the roads between Wissembourg and Bitche. This information was called in to Baggage: a considerable number of new entrenchments were observed in the Bergzabern-Wissembourg area. Flak: scant heavy and light at R-3569. Losses: 2 P-47s destroyed in mid-air collision in overcast at 7,000 ft. Both planes disappeared in the overcast. Capt Mc Clung's plane appeared under control when last seen - canopy was open, but no chute seen. Nothing more was seen of 1st Lt Biggers plane. No e/a seen. Weather: 10/10 S of Hagenau and E of the base from deck to 1,000 ft and tops at 6500. N of Hagenau and W of the Rhine 3/10 to 4/10 cloud with base at 5,000 and tops 6,000. Down 1140.

B. (i) 12 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 10 A/C dropped bombs on alternate target of barracks and supplies at R-326688.
10 A/C completed mission.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 2 P-47s M.I.A. P-47D-27RE 42-27171, and P-47D-30RA 44-32982. Collided in mid-air, at Pforzheim.
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 12

C. Nil

D. (i) 25:30
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 28,800 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 7,940 rds. (50 caliber ammunition)
(iii) 4,880 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).

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F. (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs dispatched; fused - tail M113.
(ii) 20 - 500# GP bombs dropped on alternate targets of barracks and supplies at R-326688.
(iii) Nil
(iv) 4 - 500# GP bombs lost, in the Pforzheim area, by the two aircraft which collided in mid-air.

G. THOMAS S. L. McClung, Capt., AC O-793008. M.I.A. (Pforzheim area.)
ROBERT T. BIGGERS, 1st Lt., AC O-812738. M.I.A. (Pforzheim area.)

H. Nil

I. 9. Buildings,
c) Damaged, 3

11. Railroads cut, 1

4. (3) Operations No.: A.O. 17 and 20. To dive-bomb and perform Armed recce.

A. A.O.17 12 P-47s of 366 Squadron dispatched at 0848 hours to bomb tank depot and to perform armed recce. A/C carried 12 x 500# GP bombs; 16 x 260# frag bomb, and 8 x 460# incendiary bombs. Followed route of base to Pforzheim to Heilbronn to Darmstadt to Worms to Speyer to base. Time in target areas: 0920-1110 hours. Primary target could not be attacked because of overcast. 8 x 460# incendiary bombs, 8 x 260# frag bombs, and 8 x 500# GP bombs were dropped on the M/Y at R-0339, where 150 cars, but no locos, were seen in the yard. A large explosion was observed on the line at R-0338, also 4 large secondary explosions were observed in yard. 9 direct hits in the yard and 9 near misses resulted in the following claims -- 10 cars destroyed, 4 cars damaged, numerous fires left burning, 1 M/Y attacked, 8 x 260# frag bombs and 4 x 500# GP bombs were dropped on 6 barges and 1 tug, headed N at R-0343. There were no direct hits, but the 6 barges were damaged by strafing. 1 truck was strafed and destroyed at R-0447 -- headed E. Moderate, light and moderate, heavy flak at R-0339. 1-P-47 damaged, Cat, 1, flak. E/A: nil. Weather: 10/10 tops 7,000 ft S of Darmstadt. 3-5/10 base, 5,000 ft, tops 6,000 ft S of Darmstadt, visibility unlimited above, 8-10 below. Down at base: 1125 hours.

A.O.20 12 P-47s of 397 Squadron dispatchedat 0902 hours to bomb target at Q-689822 and to perform armed recce in Bad Kreuznach, Alzey, Ankenbach, Speyer, Lauterbourg areas. A/C carried 12 x 500# GP bombs, fusing 8-11 secs., 8 x 500# Incendiaries, 8 x 460# Incendiaries, and 8 x 260# frag bombs. Followed route of base to Q-689822 to Bad Kreuznach to Alzey to Ankenbach, to base. Time in target areas: 0940-0955 hours. All bombs on target at Q-689822. Good concentration, but no further results were observed. Strafing attacks and claims: at Q-700806, where loco

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and 10 cars facing E were seen, loco blew up and was destroyed; at L-940155, 1 M/T, facing NE, destroyed; at M-830015, 1 MDV, moving E, destroyed; at Q-780805. 1 MDV, facing S, destroyed; at R-100978, 1 fire truck, 1 large van, and 1 wrecker, facing E, damaged; at L-720010, 1 M/T and 1 MDV with wagon destroyed; atL-720010, 1 bldg set on fire and destroyed. Flak: moderate, light at Homburg; intense, light at R-115938. 1 P-47 damaged, cat 2, flak, pilot sfe. E/A: nil. Weather: target areas: CAVU, visibility 10-12 miles. Down at base: 1104 hours.

B. (i) 24 P-47s dispatched.
(ii) 12 A/C dropped bombs on the following:-
M/T at N-0339, 150 cars,
6 barges and 1 tug, headed N at N-0343.
Also strafed truck at N-0447.
12 A/C dropped bombs at Q-689822, target.
Also strafed the following:-
Loco and 10 cars facing E at Q-700806.
1 M/T, facing NE, at L-940155.
1 MDV, moving E, at M-830015.
1 MdV, facing S, at Q-780805.
1 MDV, facing S, at R-100978.
1 M/T and 1 MDV with wagon at L-720010.
1 bldg L-720010.
24 A/C completed missions.
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) 2 P-47s damaged; flak, 1 a/c cat 1, and 1 a/c cat 2.
(viii) 24

C. Nil

D. (i) 58:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 57,600 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 10,010 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) 24 - 500# GP bombs dispatched, fused - tail M113, 8-11 sec.,
8 - 500# Incendiaries, dispatched, fused nose M138.
16 - 460# Incendiaries, fused tail - M100.
24 - 260# Frags, fused, nose-M103, tail M100.
(ii) 24 - 500# GPs, 8 - 500# Incendiaries, 16 - 460# Incendiaries and
24 - 260# Frag bombs expended, as follows:-
12 - 500# GP bombs)
8 - 500# Incendiaries,) on target at Q-689822.
8 - 460# Incendiaries,)
8 - 260# Frag bombs)

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8 - 460# Incendiaries)
8 --260# Frags,) on M/Y at M-0339.
8 - 500# GP bombs)
8 - 260# Frags,) on 6 barges and 1 tug, headed N at M-0343.
4 - 500# GP's bombs)

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
a) Destroyed, 3
c) Damaged,3

3. Locomotives,
a) Destroyed, 1

4. Railroad cars,
a) Destroyed, 10
c) Damaged, 4

9. Factories and buildings,
a) Destroyed, 1

13. Horse-drawn-vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 3.

4. (4) Operations No.: A.O.18 and 21. Fighter sweep missions.

A. A.O.18. 12 P-47s of the 366 Squadron dispatched at 1410 to go on a fighter sweep. Route flown was base to Stuttgart to Pforzheim to Mannheim to Karlsruhe to Stuttgart to Karlsruhe to base. Time over target areas: 1500-1630. It was an uneventful sweep. 3-4 e/a, one of which was a T/E, a/c seen on A/D at S-0711. There was no flak, no losses, no e/a seen in air. Weather: 8/10 with base 7-8,000, tops 8-9,000 and visibility unlimited. Down 1700.

A.O.21 11 P-47s of the 367 Squadron dispatched at 1312 to go on a fightersweep. Wing tanks were carried. 1 a/c aborted (wing tanks). Route flown was base to Stuttgart to Phillipsburg to Malmsheim to base. Time over target areas was 1400-1500. Uneventful sweep. 3 M/Ts and 1 HDV and facing N at M-200007 attacked by strafing and the 3 M/Ts were damaged and the HDV was destroyed. Our squadron was relieved by Lookworm squadron as they left the Stuttgart area at 1500 hours. There were no other observations. Flak: scant light at M-150083. No losses. No e/a seen. Weather: 5-6/10ths, base 4,000, tops 6,000, visibility 10 miles. Down 1615.

B. (i) 23 P-47s dispatched.

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22 A/C completed missions.
(iii) 1 non-effective a/c; due to,
a) Nil
b) Nil
c) 1 mechanical, wing tanks.
(iv) Nil
(v) Nil
(vi) Nil
(vii) Nil
(viii) 22

C. (i) 46 - 75 gal. belly tanks dispatched.
(ii) 40 - 75 gal. belly tanks jettisoned.

D. (i) 68:00
(ii) Nil

E. (i) 55,200 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(ii) 5,300 rds. (50 caliber ammunition).
(iii) Nil

F. (i) Nil
(ii) Nil
(iii) Nil
(iv) Nil

G. Nil

H. Nil

I. 1. Military transportation,
c) Damaged, 3

13. Horse-drawn vehicles,
a) Destroyed, 1

For the Group Commander:

JOSEPH J. GRAZIS,
1st Lt., Air Corps.
Asst. Stat. Officer.

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DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 17TH BOMB GROUP (M) Squadrons 34 - 37 - 95 - 432.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 MARCH 19 45 Mission No. 585

1. No. Off 52 - B26 Time Up 1326 Time Down 47-1800 Total Hours 218:50

2. *a.* Type Mission: DAYLIGHT - - PRECISION *b.* Escorted by: 64TH FTR. WING 20-25 P47's.

3. Weather: 9/10 SC - BASES AT 4000' - TOPS AT 7000' - VISIBILITY 6-7 MILES IN LIGHT HAZE.

4. *a.* A|C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
3 - B26	AIR SPARES
1 - B26	ENG(PROP. TROUBLE)
1 - B26	WRONG TYPE 'CHUTE.

b. A|C Crossing E|L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
1 - B26	RACK MALFUNCTION
1 - B26	ESCORT FOR SINGLE ENGINE A/C.
1 - B26	ENGINE OUT

5. Target: (1) SINGELSBACH AMMO DUMP (W/R-949747), GERMANY. (2) LEONBERG MARSHALLING YARDS (R-935235), GERMANY.
(3) BARRACKS AREA(R-964100), GERMANY. (4) - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	*b.* Time of Attack	*c.* No. A|C Attacking	*d.* Alt of Release
	NO BOMBS DROPPED		NO	BOMBS	DROPPED
(1)	M/Y-R935235-	EPPINGEN,	1537	22	12,000'
(2)	CENTER.	GERMANY.			
(3)	BARRACKS AREA-R-964100- CENTER.	EPPINGEN, GERMANY.	1537	~~22~~ 21	11,000
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run, Bombing Procedure, Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed. 2 - 24 ship BOXES(FORMATION ENROUTE). - Flights in trail(FORMATION BOMB RUN). - Flights dropped on lead Bombardier of their respective flight(BOMBING PROCEDURE). - Attack made on an axis of 38 degrees with left break. - Moderate evasive action employed with slight loss of altitude.

b. Ground Speed of Attack 208 *c.* Duration of Bomb Run (1) - - (2) 21 SEC. (3) 23 SEC. (4) - -

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area NONE GIVEN

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results: First target of opportunity; no results observed due to cloud coverage. Second target of opportunity at Barracks Area, W/R-965100, missed target and bombs fell in woods.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A/C	No Rt'd To Base
500# GP	.1 X .025	367	- -	154	150	- -	NONE	2(BOMB. ERRC 21(SPARES) 7(ENG) 7(CHUTE) 3(SPARES) 1(CHUTE) 1(ENG)
500#. GP	LONG DELAY	49	- -	22	22	- -	NONE	

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500# GP	10	RACK MALFUNCTION	AREA R - 965100
	8	RACK MALFUNCTION	EPPINGEN AREA.
	8	ESCORT	EPPINGEN AREA.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
.50	129,670	NONE

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
CP	INACCURATE	SCANT	STUTTGART AREA.

10.

No. & Type E/A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
NONE	- - - - -	- - - - - - -

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a/c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
1 A/C(B26G21-41-35014) crashed on landing. A/C transferred to 51st Ser. Sqdn. as salvage.	Blew left tire and ran off runway.	NONE
1 A/C(B26G10-43-34607) crashed on landing. A/C transferred to 51st Ser. Sqdn. CAT. II.	Blew left tire and ran off runway.	NONE
1 A/C returned damaged CAT. I.	FLAK	NONE

d. A/C Returned from Missing NONE Reported Missing on Mission No. - - - - - - - - -

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing: NONE

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	- - - - - -

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name): NONE

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type
- - - - - - - -	- - - - - - -	- - - - - -

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2 June 1944

DAILY OPERATIONS REPORT

Group 320th. Squadrons 441st 442nd. 443rd. and 444th.

Report for Period Ending 2100 Hrs. 1 Mar 19 45 Mission No. 510

1. No. Off 49 B-26's Time Up 12:55 Time Down 16:37 Total Hours 173:00
2. a. Type Mission: Precision Bombing b. Escorted by: P-47's
3. Weather: 8-9/10 Stratocumulus
4. a. A/C Not Crossing Enemy Lines:

No. & Type	Reason
4-B26's	Spares

b. A/C Crossing E/L But Failing to Complete Mission:

No. & Type	Reason
45-B 26's	Weather

5. Target: (1) Siegelsbach, Germany (2)
(3) (4)

	a. Objective, coordinate & Aiming Point	Initial Point of Bomb Run	b. Time of Attack	c. No. A/C Attacking	d. Alt of Release
(1)	Ammunition Dump (h) R-7/47747	Eppingen R-8501	No attack		
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

6. Narrative:

a. Formation enroute and on Bomb Run. Bombing Procedure. Direction of Attack on Objective and Withdrawal (by degree). Describe any evasive action employed.

Enroute- 5 squadrons of 9 A/C each.
No attack.

b. Ground Speed of Attack None c. Duration of Bomb Run (1) (2) (3) (4) None

d. Percentage of Bombs in Target Area None

e. Any Facts of Significance, including results:

Results- None due to weather.

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7. Explosives:

Type Explosive	Fusing N. T.	Number Carried	Number Expended at Each Objective (1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Lost on MIA & Dest. A|C	No Rt'd To Base
500#GP	.1 & .025	392	None				None	258

Explosives Jettisoned:

Type	Number	Reason	Location (Occupied or Enemy Territory & Grid Coordinate)
500#GP	134	8-Bombardier error 7-Engine 119-Bombardier error 4-Rack malfunction	Target area. M-1903 M-3008 In lake south of base.

8.

Caliber or MM	Carried	Expended
50 Cal.	145,375	200

9.

Type Flak	Accuracy	Intensity	Location (Grid Coordinate)
None			

10.

No. & Type E	A Encountered	Location	Aggressiveness
None			

11. (On combat missions):

a. Aircraft Losses (Either Dest., Missing or Damaged Cat. I or Cat. II)	b. Indicate Cause (Flak, Enemy Aircraft Other or Unknown)	c. Crew Casualties (By position for a|c involved) (K, MIA, SW or LW)
None		

d. A|C Returned from Missing None Reported Missing on Mission No.

e. Crew Personnel Returned, Previously Reported Missing:

Crew Position	Reported Missing on Mission No. & Date	(Date) (SW or LW)

12. (Indicate gun position credited with victory, not individual's name):

a. Destroyed No. & Type - Credit	b. Probable No. & Type - Credit	c. Damaged No. & Type

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TO : Hq., Ninth Air Force (Attn: 26th SCU)
Hq., XII TAC (Attn: 23rd SCOR)

FROM : 111th TAC RCN SQ.

Ref : Oprep 'A' No. 136 for 24 hrs ending sunset 1 March 1945. SECRET.

OPERATIONS NO. 3878 TR/5/1/15

A. 2 F 60's from 0735 to 0830 to recce Saarbrucken. OBSNS: No observations due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2000 to 6000 ft. TOA: 0750 to 0815.
B. 2 F 60's. (i) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 1 hr 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3879 TR/6/1/16

A. 2 F 60's from 1030 to 1215 to recce Saarbrucken, Neuenkirchen, St Wendel, Homburg, Zweibrucken. OBSNS: Bridges at Q-424712, Q-459705, Q-467702 are intact. Other bridges are out from Buss to eastern edge of Saarbrucken. Neuenkirchen M/Y 40-50 percent full, 1 loco s/u in yards. Ottweiler M/Y empty. St Wendel M/Y 1/2 filled. West Homburg M/Y 1/2 full, east Homburg M/Y 30 percent full. Zweibrucken M/Y 3/4 full. NMS/Kaiserslautern/Homburg. Large hospital at Landstuhl. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3500 to 6000 ft Saarbasin. TOA: 1045 to 1200.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3880 TR/7/1/17

A. 2 F 60's from 1310 to 1440 to recce Saarbrucken, Neuenkirchen, Homburg, Zweibrucken, Pirmasens, Kaiserslautern, St Wendel. OBSNS: 3 MT scattered mvg E into Neuenkirchen. 5 MT scattered mvg SW Neuenkirchen to Saarbrucken. 1 half-track mvg NE at Q-5172. No other obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. WEATHER: 10/10 3500 to 4500 ft Saarbasin to Hardt Mts. TOA: 1325 to 1425.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3881 TR/8/1/18

A. 2 F 60's from 1550 to 1710 to recce Saarguemines, Bitche, Pirmasens, Bitche. OBSNS: 2 MT mvg S at Q-8258. 3 MT stat in town of Q-8258. 4 MT stat in town at Q-8254. 2 MT mvg S at Q-8152. 25 MT stat in towns bordered by Q-8056, Q-8058, Q-8459, Q-8757, Q-8254. These obsns were made under overcast and no other obsns were made. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 2500 to 10,000 ft entire area. TOA: 1605 to 1655.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3882 TR/20/1/19

A. 2 F 60's from 0725 to 0835 to recce Hagenau, Saarbrucken. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 2500 ft lowering to 500 ft near Hagenau. 10/10 at 3000 to 7500 ft in Saarbrucken area. Vis 3 miles. TOA: 0740 to 0820.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3883 TR/21/1/20

A. 2 F 60's from 1025 to 1205 to recce Rastatt, Karlsruhe, Offenburg. OBSNS: 1 train 10 plus boxcars fcg W Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 loco mvg SW in Karlsruhe M/Y. 1 MT mvg N on Autobahn at R-5346. NMS Rastatt. 1 MT mvg S from Rastatt, otherwise NMS Rastatt/Offenburg. 1 train 15 plus boxcars mvg N in Offenburg M/Y. 1 oxen drawn vehicle pulling trailer, and 1 HDT mvg E at W-1394. 2 MT mvg SE at W-0992. 1 ambulance mvg N into Rastatt. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Rhine River and west 5/10 3000 to 6000 ft. East of Rhine 10/10 4000 to 6000 ft with heavy haze. TOA: 1040 to 1145.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 3 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) 40 (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3884 TR/22/1/21

A. 2 F 60's from 1330 to 1540 to recce Offenburg, Rastatt, Karlsruhe, Pforzheim, Stuttgart, Strassbourg. OBSNS: 2 MT mvg S in town of Offenburg. 3 MT stat fcg NE at R-3416. 10-15 HDV mvg NW R-3826 to Rastatt. 2 MT stat fcg NE at R-4636. Karlsruhe M/Y 1/4 filled, no activity. 3 MT mvg E Karlsruhe/Durlach. Bruchsal being bombed by heavies or mediums. String of 30 boxcars, every other one marked with a red cross, at west end of Pforzheim M/Y. 5 S/E A/C in NE corner of Malmsheim A/D. F/B's (P-51's) strafed dump at W-808176 causing wooded area to burn. Dark smoke and flames spread rapidly. NMS Stuttgart to W-7183. NMS Heilfingen A/D at W-9394 appears serviceable. NMS A/D at W-7788, appears serviceable. NMS Wissembourg to R-0635. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Oblique of Bruchsal M/Y, Malmsheim M/Y, factory R-965105. R/C: Good. WEATHER: Pforzheim to east 2/10 at 4000 to 6000 ft. 10/10 4000 to 6000 ft Blackforest area. Rhine River west 10/10 from 4000 to 6000 ft. TOA: 1350 to 1520.
B. 2 F6's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3885 TR/16/1/23

A. 2 F 60's from 0725 to 0840 to recce Saarlautern, Saarbrucken. OBSNS: No obsns due to weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 at 1000 to 6000 ft Luneville and N and E. 10/10 at 3000 to 7000 ft Azelot to Saarbrucken. TOA: 0815 to 0820.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 2 hrs 30 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3886 TR/17/1/24

A. 2 F 60's from 1050 to 1300 to recce Weibenburg, Bitche, Karlsruhe. OBSNS: 3 MT mvg E at Q-8250. 2 MT mvg E at R-1347. 2 MT mvg S and 1 MT mvg N at R-1556. 1 MT mvg S at R-3244. 2 MT mvg NE at R-4740. 1 train 7 boxcars and 8 oilcars mvg N in Karlsruhe M/Y, called to controller. Bridge at Karlsruhe intact. 1 MT mvg E at R-2345. 1 MT stat fcg E in Weibenburg. Contacted "Half bake" who requested roads between Weibenburg and Bitche be recce'd for possible tanks. Mission spent 1 1/2 hours covering roads but no tanks were observed. Route 1 not recce'd but route appeared to be 7/10 from 4000 to 6500 ft. E/A: Nil. E/F: Lt-scant-inacc at R-0555. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 5/10 3000 to 6500 ft Weibenburg to Bitche. CAVU Karlsruhe/Hagenau. 7/10 4000 to 6500 ft Karlsruhe north and east. TOA: 1030 to 1240.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 20 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

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OPERATIONS NO. 3887 TR/18/1/25

A. 2 F 60's from 1335 to 1600 to recce Karlsruhe, Germersheim, Bruchsal, Pforzheim. OBSNS: Bridge at R-4148 intact. RR bridge at Germersheim across Rhine intact. No activity Germersheim M/Y. No A/C on Germersheim A/D, but field serviceable. 1 MT mvg SW out of Germersheim. Karlsruhe M/Y 1/4 full. Bruchsal badly damaged, many fires and much smoke. 2 MT mvg S into Bruchsal on Autobahn. Pforzheim M/Y 1/4 full, approx 20 flatcars loaded with lumber. NMS on Autobahn Karlsruhe to Pforzheim. Bridge hit by heavy bombers at S-070636. M/Y at S-0384 empty. 40-50 boxcars on line at R-9985. 16 barges on Necker River stat at R-9986. E/A: Nil. E/F: Nil. PHOTOS: Vertical of Bruchsal R-6358. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 6/10 to 10/10 from 5-7000 ft over area. TOA: 1415 to 1545.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs 50 min. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3888 TR/19/1/26

A. 2 F 60's from 1545 to 1745 to recce Karlsruhe, Germersheim, Speyer, Heidelberg, Mannheim, Pforzheim. OBSNS: 2 locos s/u Karlsruhe M/Y. Bridge at R-4148 intact. RR bridge at Germersheim across Rhine intact. Bridge at Speyer across Rhine intact. 2 locos mvg W in Heidelberg M/Y. 1 loco mvg NW into Mannheim M/Y, no activity. Many explosions and much smoke at Mannheim from bombing. 8 MT stat fcg W in wooded area SE of Heidelberg. Ordered to return to base by controller. Mission flown between 3000 and 4000 feet. E/A: Nil. E/F: Intense-acc-lt at Muhlacker (R-8140). PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Poor. WEATHER: 10/10 3500 to 4000 ft Rhine Valley and east. TOA: 1605 to 1720.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

OPERATIONS NO. 3889 TR/11/1/27 P-189 & P-199

A. 2 F 60's from 1500 to 1700 to recce and photo Bingen, Bad Kreuznach. OBSNS: N.M.S. Bingen to Bad Kreuznach. No other obsns because of weather. No photos because of weather. E/A: Nil. E/F: Hvy-scant-inacc at Bad Kreuznach. PHOTOS: Nil. R/C: Good. WEATHER: 10/10 3000 to 7000 ft and broken clouds 8000 to 15,000 ft from Kaiserlautern to north. TOA: 1515 to 1645.
B. 2 F 60's. (ii) 2 attacking above area. (iii) to (vii) Nil. (viii) 2.
C. Nil. D. 4 hrs. E. (i) 2200 rds 50 cal. (ii) & (iii) Nil.
F. Nil. G. Nil. H. Nil.

For the Commanding Officer:

Victor J. Gentzler
VICTOR J. GENTZLER,
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162nd TACTICAL RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

APO 374, US ARMY,
1 March 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters, First Tactical Air Force (Prov).

FROM : 162nd Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron.

REF : SECRET

OPREP A NO. 167 for twenty-four hours ending sunset 1 March 1945.

OPERATIONS NO. 564 TR/1/1/1

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1015-1240. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: No obs. along Rhine between Strassbourg and Lauterburg. 3 Rail cuts between Hagenau and R-0636. 2 Rail cuts between R-0636 and Sulz R-1039. 10 RR cars in siding at Sulz, 1/2 of which were B/C, the other half, empty flats. 1 Large RR cut N edge of Sulz. 2 RR cuts at R-1743. 5 RR cars on siding at R-1745. 20 B/C & 10 flat cars at R-2550. Dump at Q-9538. 3 HDT B/W between Q-9538 & Sulz. 5 M/T in woods at Q-8535. 5 M/T mvg. S at Q-7934. Dump, 6 bldgs at Q-8150. M/Y Neustadt 2/3 full, NMS. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT:Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1045-1220. WEATHER: 4-5/10 base 5000', top 5300'.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:50.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil.
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 565 TR/24/1/9

A. 2 F6Cs from 1030-1220. To recce in "Route #2". OBSERVATIONS: 2 HDT, STAT, at R-2202. 30 B/C in M/Y at W-185945. M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full, 2 locos, STAT, S/U. Train, 30 B/C, STAT, at W-175905. 1 Motorcycle mvg N out of Buhl. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1050-1200. WEATHER: 10/10 7000' top, base 3000'.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking "Route # 2". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:40 Hours.
E. 2400 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 566 TR/12/1/5

A. 2 F6Ds from 1100-1300. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: 1 Loco STAT, at R-2169. RR Bridge at R-2269, appears serv. RR from Landau to Annweiler appears serviceable. 25 B/C on siding at R-4059. M/Y Germersheim 1/3 full, NMS. 4 Barges, 30-40' long STAT at R-5578. RR/HWY Bridge at Speyer Serv. 1 Barge, 30-40' long mvg N at R-5180. RR overpass appears serviceable at M-3415. Rail cut at M-2112. RR from Grunstadt to M-2405 appears serv. remainder of RR unobserved due to weather. M/Y Neustadt 1/2 full. A/D at Speyerdorf unserv. 3 M/T mvg N at R-2975. RR from Neustadt to Kaiserlautern appears serv. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1120-1240. WEATHER: 6-10/10 base 4000', top 5000'.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "D". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 Hours
E. 4200 rds. .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 567 TR/9/1/3

A. 2 F6Ds from 1105-1215. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: NMS on RR from Q-7998 to Kaiserlautern. NMS M/Y west end of Kaiserlautern. Rest of area unobserved due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1120-1155. WEATHER: 8-10/10 6000' top, 3000' base.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "C". (iii-vii). Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 2:20 Hours.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 568 TR/3/1/3

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1300-1515. To recce in Area "A". OBSERVATIONS: 1 M/T STAT, fac N at Q-9240. 8-8 scattered motorcycles in entire area, in all directions. 1 M/T mvg. N at R-2564. RR & HWY Bdg at Pfortz serv. Dump at RR Junction at R-4149. No other observations due to weather. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1320-1455. WEATHER: W half of area 10/10. Base 3500-4000', top 6000'. E half of area 4/10 at the same altitude.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "A". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:30 Hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 569 TR/14/1/7

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1315-1515. To recce in Area "D". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y at Wissemburg empty. RR/HWY Bridge Karlsruhe serv. String of 11 barges, approx. 25' long, STAT at R-4663. RR Bridge Germersheim serv. M/Y Grunstadt 1/4 full, NMS. Rail cut at M-1911. Remainder of RR from Worms to M-1008 unobserved due to weather. RR from Kaiserlautern to Grunstadt unobserved due to weather. RR appears serv from Landau to Annweiler, the remainder of which was unobserved to Pirmasens due to weather. RR from Neustadt to Kaiserlautern unobserved due to weather. M/Y Neustadt 1/5 full, NMS. M/Y Edenkoben R-2977 1/4 full, NMS. M/Y Landau 1/5 full, NMS. Rail cut at R-3469. Large fires in Bruchstal. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1340-1450. WEATHER: 6-10/10 top 5500', base 35-4000.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking Area "D" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 Hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 570 TR/26/1/11

A. 2 F6Cs from 1315-1445. To recce on Route "2" OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Offenburg 1/2 full, NMS. 50 B/C direct bomb hit cut tracks and destroyed approximately 6 cars at W-1595. M/Y at W-1896 1/2 full, NMS. M/Y Lahr W-1172 approx. 20 cars, NMS. 1 Large fire in bldg in S part of Waldkirch W-1844. RR Bridge at W-2368 appears serv. 25 flat cars loaded with camouflaged M/T and supplies at W-3464(called into controller). ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: (Sortie #570. Vertical, RR cars, W-3464, 2500', 165°, 1345 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: (Good) TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1430. WEATHER: 10/10 top 6500', base 1000'.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Route "2". (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:00 Hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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OPERATIONS NO. 571 TR/10/1/14

A. 2 F6Cs from 1315-1515. To recce in Area "C". OBSERVATIONS: M/Y Neustadt 1/3 full, 1 loco S/U STAT, fac W. Train, 40 B/C, badly damaged, in woods at R-3569. 4 M/T and 1 HDT mvg N at M-3000. 4 HDT mvg SW at M-2724. Possible dump at M-185200. RR cut in 3 places at R-3569. Rail cut at RR Jct at R-2068. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1330-1500. WEATHER: 10/10 base, 2500-3000', top 4-5000'.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "C" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:00 Hours.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 572 PR/202,211,212,213,151,195,210/1/29

A. 2 F6Ds from 1435-1655. To recce & Photo in Areas "A-D-E". OBSERVATIONS: Nil ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: I-A-L at R-949747. PHOTOS: Vertical of M/T and supplies at Q-949527 at 4000', 110° at 1455 hrs. Vertical of Bridge at M-172039 at 3000', 100° at 1505 hrs. 2 Vertical runs on Bridge at M-178016, 3000', 100°--230° at 1515 hrs. Oblique of Road Tunnel at R-950230 at 3500', 30° at 1525 hrs. Oblique of M/Y at Mannheim at 3000', 30° at 1535 hrs. Oblique of Piston Works at S-080670, at 3500', 180° at 1545 hrs. Oblique of M/Y at S-065605 at 3500', 180° at 1545 hrs. Oblique of M/Y at Mannheim at 3000', 120°, at 1555 hrs. Vertical of Ammo Dump at R-949747 at 3500', 0° at 1610 hrs. RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1450-1630. WEATHER: 6/10 at 4000' Heilbronn area, remainder of area 10/10 O/C at 4000'.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Areas "A-D-E" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 4:40 Hrs.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 573 TR/27/1/12

A. 1 F6B & 1 F6C from 1600-1735. To recce in Route "#2 " OBSERVATIONS: Possible supply dump at W-5628. No other obs. due to weather--recalled by controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1710. WEATHER: 9-10/10 tops 6000', base unknown.
B. 1 F6B & 1 F6C (ii) 2 attacking "Route # 2 " (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:10 Hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 574 TR/4/1/4

A. 2 F6Cs rom 1600-1735. To recce in Area "A" . OBSERVATIONS: Approx. 25 Scatt. M/T mov in all directions in area between R-0045 and Q-9045, accurate pinpoint impossible due to weather. 1 M/T mov E at R-2046. 1 HDT mov S at R-0631. Recalled by Controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: S-A-L at Wissemburg PHOTOS: Nil RADIO-CONTACT: Good. TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1710. WEATHER: 3000' base with 10/10 O/C, vis 4-5 miles.
B. 2 F6Cs (ii) 2 attacking Area "A" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:10 Hrs.
E. 2400 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

OPERATIONS NO. 575 TR/15/1/8

A. 2 F6Ds from 1600-1735. To recce in Area "D" OBSERVATIONS: NTR-Weather. Recalled by Controller. ENEMY AIR: Nil ENEMY FLAK: Nil PHOTOS: Nil RADIO CONTACT: Good TIME OVER AREA: 1615-1710 WEATHER: 10/10 3000' base--tops 6000'.
B. 2 F6Ds (ii) 2 attacking Area "D" (iii-vii) Nil (viii) 2.
C. Nil
D. 3:10 Hrs.
E. 4200 rds .50 cal. (ii-iii) Nil
F. Nil
G. Nil
H. Nil

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